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March 1, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended February 28, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to February 28, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1926.

Mr. William M. Trotter, Secretary,
National Equal Rights League of U. S. A.,
9 Cornhill,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 24th referring to my letter to you of February 18th in regard to a motto to be placed on the Sesquicentennial half dollar. The Act authorizing the issue of coins in connection with the Sesquicentennial Exhibition commemorating the Declaration of Independence was approved by the President on March 3, 1925. The designs for this coin were approved by the Fine Arts Commission on December 11, 1925. It will, therefore, be impossible for me to act upon your suggestion to have placed upon the coin the legend you suggest.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

G. B. Winston
Undersecretary of the Treasury.

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March 2, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the following changes in the personnel of the Mint at Denver:

Mr. George Borstadt Jr., Foreman of the Refinery at $7.25 per day, to be made Foreman of the Refinery at a salary of $2,400.

On the appointment to the position of Assayer of Mr. Clarence C. Halmstrom, Mr. George Borstadt Jr. was assigned to the position of Foreman in charge of the Refinery. Mr. Borstadt having performed his new duties with satisfaction for a period of three months, the Superintendent recommends his appointment to the position of Foreman.

Mr. Carl H. Krueger, Clerk at $1,860., to be promoted to the position of Clerk at $2,100. made vacant by the resignation of Mr. George R. Whitney.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver concurs in these recommendations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1926.

Hon. W. L. Jones, Chairman,
Committee on Commerce,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Jones:

I have your letter of February 17th inclosing (S. 3154), a bill "Recognizing the heroic conduct, devotion to duty, and skill on the part of the officers and crews of the United States steamships Republic, American Trader, President Roosevelt, President Harding, and the British steamship Cameronia, and for other purposes". This Department is cordially in sympathy with the bill, and should its passage be effected, the Director of the Mint will be instructed to utilize the facilities of the Mint in producing the medal. The preparation of the die and the manufacture of the medals could be undertaken at the Mint immediately upon the passage of the Act.

The Department has been informally advised that the number of persons carried on the register or serving on the ships named in the bill numbered 1,056. But inasmuch as the bill provides for the awarding of medals to the Captain of each rescuing ship, and to each person certified by the Captain to have shown special courage and to have faced special danger in such rescues, it is impossible to determine how many of these 1,056 would be awarded medals. The authorized life saving medals in gold cost $92.00 each. The medal proposed in this bill could be executed in a smaller size and in a lessened weight than the regularly authorized life saving medal, and could possibly be reduced to one half the size and weight. In view of the indeterminate number of medals to be awarded, however, and the size and weight of such medals, this Department is unable to state whether the sum of $5,000.00 proposed to be appropriated would be adequate for the purpose.

It is noted that to the families of the two seamen who lost their lives the bill contemplates expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Congress, while to the officers and crews of the vessels named in the bill, in addition to such expression of thanks and appreciation, provision is made for the presentation to them of suitable medals. It is suggested that this provision might be appropriately extended to include the presentation of medals also to the families of the two seamen who lost their lives.

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Attention is invited to section 3 of the bill, lines 22 and 23, "That the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the Mint" be authorized to prepare and strike the medals proposed. It is suggested that in lieu of these words "the Secretary of the Treasury" be substituted. These dies and medals are prepared under the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and this amendment will conform with the usual practice in this regard.

Respectfully,

W. G. McAdoo

Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

In reply refer to RA February 26, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Director of the Mint be authorized to furnish the Department of State with twenty gold life saving medals with cases and riders as per sample herewith.

Expenses incident to the preparation of these medals will be paid by the Department of State from the appropriation, "Rescuing Shipwrecked American Seamen" upon the delivery of the medals and the rendition of the proper bills.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

(Signed) E. J. Ayers
Chief Clerk.

Bureau of the Mint, March 5, 1926.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for appropriate action.

E. O. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1926.

Mr. T. J. Quirk,
Bureau of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia and Elizabeth, N. J. for the purpose of inspecting blowers in connection with the proposed installation of a new blower in the laboratory of this Bureau.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per day in lieu of subsistence will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Office of Director of Mint 1926".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

MAR 5 1926

Approved:

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 6, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of circular No. 8, I have to report that Mr. Walter Falk resigned his position as Clerk, C. A. F. - 3 - 1, on February 28, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1926.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,

Sir:

I have the honor of forwarding herewith answers, in duplicate, to a list of questions regarding coinage executed during 1925 and other matters on which the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal British Mint desired information, accompanied by a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925.

Reference is made, in this connection, to your communication of January 27, 1926, reference number FA 102.14/246, and to inquiry pertaining thereto dated March 10, 1926.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 11, 1926.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 9th relative to a communication received by you from Mr. G. Lee Downey of Cincinnati, Ohio, regarding a new coin.

Several months ago wide publicity was given to a suggestion that the Department was considering the proposal to issue a coin of another alloy than those now authorized by law. The press article referred to had no basis whatever in fact. The Treasury Department has at no time considered this suggestion favorably, and has no intention of requesting Congress to authorize the issue of a new type of coin.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Nicholas Longworth,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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March 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will amend my letter to you of October 3, 1925, relative to a subscription to the Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Journal to read as follows:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 2, 1925, you are authorized to renew your subscription to the Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Journal for the current fiscal year, and to pay for the same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1915.

This periodical is required for official use.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

MAR 13 1926

Approved:

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 16, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 12th enclosing a translation of a note dated March 6th from the Charge d'Affaires of Venezuela relative to the proposed coinage to be manufactured at the Mint in Philadelphia. Replying, I have the honor to submit the following:

			Per Thousand
4,000,000 Bs.	800,000	5 Bs. pieces	$10.00
2,000,000 Bs.	1,000,000	2 Bs. pieces	1.00
1,000,000 Bs.	1,000,000	1 Bs. pieces	4.00

These prices include working dies to be made from the master dies now in possession of the Mint, but do not include silver bullion nor copper to be used as alloy, which must be furnished by the government of Venezuela; nor do they include the cost of containers used in packing the coins for shipment.

981,378.75 fine ounces of silver and
9,355.4572 avoirdupois pounds of copper will be required in the coinage of seven million bolivars in number and denominations heretofore stated.

It is understood that the specifications of these coins are as follows:

Value	Standard	Diameter	Wt.	Tolerance in Weight	Tolerance in Fineness
Bs. 5	905	37 m.m.	25 g.	.003	.001
Bs. 2	835	27 m.m.	10 g.	.005	.003
Bs. 1	835	23 m.m.	5 g.	.005	.003

It is noted that the request for gold coinage covers the preparation of 25 million bolivars, no denomination being given.

On a previous estimate covering gold coinage for Venezuela, the costs were as follows:

100	bolivar	pieces	$22.00	per	thousand pieces
20	"	"	10.00	"	" "
10	"	"	8.00	"	" "

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These quotations include the working dies to be made from master dies for the 100 and 20 bolivar pieces in possession of the Mint. We also have dies for the 5, 25 and 50 bolivar, and the 10 Venezuelan gold coins, but we do not have the master die for the 10 bolivar piece, and so advised the Guaranty Trust Company of New York on May 6, 1925. The cost of working dies for this piece will also be included in coinage cost, provided the master die is furnished. If it is desired that master dies for this coin be made at the Mint, the cost will be $200 for the pair. Coinage costs do include copper needed for alloy purposes in case of the gold coin, and wastage incident to coinage, but the gold bullion must be furnished by the government of Venezuela.

Estimate on amount of gold bullion required in this coinage will be made upon advice as to the number and denominations of coins desired.

Cost of containers used in packing these coins for shipment will be in addition to coinage costs. From information on file at the Mint, it is understood that the weights, finenesses and tolerances of the gold coins of Venezuela are as follows:

	Weight	Fineness	Tolerance in Fineness	Tolerance in Weight
Bs. 10	3.22580 g.	900	.001	.002
Bs. 20	6.45161 g.	900	.001	.002
Bs. 100	32.25806 g.	900	.001	.001

The Director of the Mint requests to be advised as to whether or not his understanding as to the weights, finenesses and tolerances of the gold coin is correct.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 20, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to the proposed exhibit of the Mint Service at the Sesquicentennial Celebration at Philadelphia, I would suggest the following displays:

One coining press to be used in the manufacture of medals.

The old coining press first used in the Mint in 1793 as a still exhibit.

Cases containing bars, ingots, strips, blanks and coins arranged in the order of their production during the manufacture of coin.

Cases containing bronze medals of the Presidents; Army and Navy medals; and miscellaneous medals which are manufactured at the Mint.

For this display it is estimated that between 300 and 400 square feet will be required.

For preparing, transferring and assembling the cases containing coinage material and medals now in the Treasury Department at Washington and their return to the Department in Washington and restoration to their present position in good order ---------- $600.00

For moving the coining press and the exhibit press from the Mint to the Exhibition Building and for restoring both to the Mint at Philadelphia upon the close of the Exhibition and reassembling ---------- $500.00

For operating one coining press for 160 days, (from June 1st to December 1st), the services of two men, one press operator at $8.00 per day, and one helper at $6.50 per day ---------- $2320.00

If time in excess of eight hours per day is required the cost of the services of the men will be correspondingly increased.

Incidental expenses for maintaining press in operation, etc. ---------- $100.00

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In addition to the above expenses it would be necessary to provide, at the expense of the Exhibition Association, a suitably supported floor for the heavy coining press. The Association would also have to supply the necessary amount of light and electric current required to keep the press in operation, and a suitable railing to be placed around the exhibit.

The blanks for the medals it is proposed to strike in the Exhibition Building will be prepared at cost in the Mint at Philadelphia and delivered at the Mint in Philadelphia to the representative of the Exhibition Association upon the payment of the cost of the same. The transportation of the blanks from the Mint to the Exhibition Grounds would be at the expense and risk of the Exhibition Association. After the blanks have been struck on the coining press in the Exhibition Building they would be delivered there to the representative of the Exhibition Association named by the Association.

The attention of the Association should be called to the fact that it will be necessary to have the Mint supplied with a master die from which the Mint will prepare the working dies for the medal to be struck on the coining press at the Exhibition.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 11th, requesting a list of the serial numbers of the bills of lading now in the possession of the Offices of this Service, the following is submitted:

Philadelphia ---	Pad #1	T-532098 to T-532100
	Pad #2	T-532103 to T-532150
	Pad #3	T-532151 to T-532200
	Pad #4	T-532201 to T-532250
Denver -------	Pad #1	T-334230 to T334250
	Pad #2	T-515401 to T-515450
	Pad #3	T-515454 to T-515500
San Francisco ----------		T-304275 to T-304350
New York ----	Pad #1	211841 to 211850
	Pad #2	211853 to 211900
	Pad #3	211902 to 211950
	Pad #4	431601 to 431650
	Pad #5	431651 to 431700
New Orleans ----------		20523 to 20550
Carson ----------		T-240910 to T-240950
Seattle ----------		77315 to 77350
Boise ----------		465113 to 465130
Helena ----------		76779 to 76800
Salt Lake City ---------		T-465102 to T-465110
Deadwood ----------		77366 to 77400.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am inclosing applications for service credit from the following employees of the Mint at Philadelphia:

Louis H. Frizzle
Edward J. Lacey
Isaac L. Lewis
John J. Murray
Samuel Simkovitz.

Deductions were discontinued through a misunderstanding.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

E.S.

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April 1, 1936.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning April 1, 1936, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five percentum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 1, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise that no printing or binding has been done during the quarter ended March 31, 1926, for the Mint Field Service, except at the Government Printing Office in Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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April 1, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended March 31, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to March 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1926.

Dear Mr. President:

On February 24, 1926, your attention was invited to the Act of Congress authorizing the coinage of silver 50¢ pieces in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Bennington. The letter was written to you for the purpose of calling your attention to the abuse which has grown up in permitting the issue of special coins for purely local commemorations. The Act authorizing the Bennington coin was passed on February 24, 1925. At that time the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures went on record "as not favoring legislation of this class because of the great number of bills introduced to commemorate events of local and not national interest, and because such quantities of coins so authorized had to be taken back by the Government, melted and reminted."

Notwithstanding, the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures has favorably reported at this session a bill to "authorize the issue of a 50¢ piece in commemoration of the heroism of the fathers and mothers who traversed the Oregon Trail to the Far West * * *." This bill passed the House on April 5th, and is now pending in the Committee on Banking and Currency of the Senate.

It is submitted that the entire policy of acceding to requests for special coins is pernicious. Each time we yield to the specious arguments of a particular organization interested in a local celebration we weaken our defense against the next request for coins.

The Treasury Department feels that the coinage should not be commercialized to finance projects and to commemorate events other than those of great national importance to all the people.

I know of no country in the world which permits the use of its coinage for profit by non-governmental enterprises to the extent to which the practice has grown in recent years in this country.

The policy of issuing special coins opens the way to counterfeiting, makes the protection of the integrity of our coinage difficult, and is not in the interest of the general public. The practice introduces confusion into our coinage and is an unnecessary expense to the Government. Aside from the very dangerous and objectionable policy of diverting coinage from its original use in trade, we are imposing upon the Mints, and, therefore, upon the

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Government, an unnecessary and wasteful practice. We are required to invest money in metal for unnecessary coinage to be used for profit by private parties, and we are entirely defeating the original intent that coinage should be on Government account only. We are imposing an unnecessary burden on the manufacturing plants charged with the preparation of coinage needed in business, and diverting the activities of the Mints intended to supply the needs of all the people in order to meet the selfish demands of a few of the people. The Treasury Department is now endeavoring to meet the requirements of the country for coinage with the same number of Mints we had thirty years ago. This can only be done by avoiding every unnecessary undertaking and confining the work of the Mints to the legitimate demands of the enormous business of the country for regular coinage.

Section 3510, R. S. provides "* * * no change in the designs or dies of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the first adoption of the design, model, die or hub of the same coin * * *." By permitting the issue of special coins for local purposes, to be used for profit by organizations interested in such local projects, we would appear to have entirely defeated the purpose of the section cited.

When celebrations of great national importance, such as the commemoration of the Declaration of Independence, are under consideration, and the compliment of the issue of special coins for such national celebrations is deemed appropriate by you and by Congress, such commendable legislation loses its significance and dignity in view of the numerous other special issues.

May I not submit for your consideration the following statement relative to special coins recently issued:

Special Coins	No. Authorized	Approximate Percentage Sold
Maine half dollars	100,000	.50
Pilgrim half dollars	300,000	.70
Missouri half dollars	250,000	.08
Alabama half dollars	100,000	.66
Grant half dollars	250,000	.28
Monroe Doctrine half dollars	300,000	.19
Huguenot-Walloon half dollars	300,000	.30
Vancouver half dollars	300,000	.05

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There are now pending in Committees six bills for special coins, as follows:

Name	Denomination	No. Proposed
Commemorating the heroism of the fathers and mothers who traversed the Oregon Trail to the Far West.	50¢	6,000,000
Lincoln Highway and Victory Highway	50¢	1,000,000
Commemorating establishment of Harding Memorial Park Association	50¢	Not given
Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the birth of George Washington	$2.50 and 50¢	200,000 1,000,000
Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Stephen Foster	50¢	1,000,000
Commemorating the services, sacrifice and patriotism of American Women	50¢	5,000,000

In addition to the pending bills the Department is now in correspondence with the President of the Afro-American World's Fair, (August 1 to October 31, 1926), who seeks information as to the procedure to be followed in obtaining authority for the issue of a coin bearing on one side the head of President Lincoln and on the other side the head of Booker T. Washington. Their indicated requirements are 20,000 coins, and from correspondence it would appear practically certain that an effort will shortly be made to introduce a bill to accomplish this purpose.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The President,

The White House.

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April 12, 1926.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing.

Sir:

In conformity with the requirements of Sections 56 and 57, "Regulations of the Joint Committee on Printing", I have to submit an estimate of $25.00 for field printing and binding for the Mint Service during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927.

No contract field printing or binding has been accomplished thus far during the current fiscal year nor is any at present contemplated for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 10th, transmitting a draft of a proposed standard short form contract, consisting of invitation, bid and acceptance, submitted by the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Board of Contracts and Adjustments, I have to submit the following comments:

Decrease the width of the "Item No." column and move it to the left as much as possible.

Increase the space headed "Schedule" in width and length by moving the columns "Quantity", "Unit", "Unit Price" and "Amount" to the right, so that the column "Amount" will be on the extreme right side of the blank, and by the use of small type above and below the space to insure more length.

It is noted that the certificate required on present Form 712, required to be signed by the official purchasing supplies, that "I have satisfied myself that the officer who signs this contract has authority to sign, being an officer who signs similar contracts on behalf of the corporation with the public generally" is omitted. If this certificate is to be required in connection with the proposed new form, it is suggested that it be printed in the blank space to the left of the line provided for the signature to the "Invitation".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1925.

Hon. Randolph Perkins, Chairman,
Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of April 12th asking for a report on H. R. 10170, "A bill to authorize the coinage of 50¢ pieces in commemoration of the birthday of Stephen Collins Foster."

I can only reiterate the statements of the Department to you of March 1st and March 27th, expressing its adverse attitude toward all special coins having purely local interest. The Department is distinctly opposed to the issue of this coin, and sees no justification for the advocacy of the measure. The same objections expressed against other similar bills apply to this measure. The Treasury Department believes that the policy of acceding to requests for special coins is pernicious.

As I have already stated to you, the issue of special coins is not in the interest of the general public. The practice introduces confusion into our coinage, is an unjustifiable expense, and prompts counterfeiting. The Mints are taxed to their utmost capacity to meet the demands for regular coinage, and the constant pressure for special coins is a serious interruption to the program of coinage for the general public. The Department is required to invest money in the precious metals which should not be diverted to special coins when it is needed for our regular coinage.

Bills for special coins have become so numerous that we now have the spectacle of having our coinage degenerated into bits of advertising. The ease with which we yield to every specious argument for special coins merely opens the door wide to all kinds of requests. The approval of the issue of one coin merely encourages the advocacy of other special issues. This Department feels that it should be able to appeal to your Committee to overcome the abuse of our coinage by not permitting sentimental appeals to prevail against the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Officer charged by Congress with the duty of guarding the integrity of the coinage.

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May I refer further to the drastic penal code which carries heavy penalties for the slightest fraudulent interference with our coinage. It is submitted that the issue of fourteen different types of 50¢ pieces in six years certainly removes any great fear of the law from the minds of those disposed to counterfeit.

It is noted that this bill calls for the celebration of a birthday occurring on July 4, 1926. It would be physically impossible for the Mint to produce these coins by July 4, 1926. The facilities of the Mint are now fully engaged and will be for the next several months upon the preparation of the coins already authorized for the Sesquicentennial Celebration and for other coinage commitments which cannot be set aside.

I shall appreciate your courtesy in permitting representatives of this Department to appear before your Committee, should hearings be granted on this bill.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 17, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your approval and appropriate action, affidavit and bond of indemnity of George Williams, Cuprum, Idaho, covering a lost check No.1659 for $33.84, dated November 21, 1925, issued by C. L. Longley, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, on the Treasurer of the United States, payable to the order of George Williams, in payment of bullion deposited at the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho. The surety on the bond is the National Surety Company of New York.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-S.
Encl.

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April 16, 1926.

My dear Mr. Meeker:

Your letter of April 14, 1926, enclosing an earlier communication addressed to me under date of March 3, 1926, but withheld by you, reached me after my letter of April 14, 1926, had been mailed.

I have carefully noted the statements contained in your letter of March 3, 1926, and in reply wish to advise you that I continue to hold the opinion expressed in my earlier letter. From the standpoint of the Treasury, the passage by Congress of several of the bills now pending for the authorization of commemorative coins, would be a serious mistake, and while I heartily admire the effort which you are making to commemorate the achievements of these pioneers, I feel that a perpetuation of their accomplishments should be accomplished through some other means than commemorative coins.

Regretting that I am unable to give favorable consideration to your request, I am

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Ezra Meeker, Esq.,
President,
Oregon Trail Memorial Assn., Inc.,
18 Old Slip,
New York, New York.

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Hon. Randolph Perkins, Chairman,
Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

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My attention has also been called to the proceeding in the House of Representatives on April 19th, Page 7538 of the Record, which manifests the status of this proposed legislation. (Excerpt of the Record attached), also H. 2018, April 20, P 7675.

The Department will be ready to cooperate with the Longfellow Society in issuing a medal, should Congress authorize the same. The facilities and experience of the Mint could be placed at the disposal of the Association for the production of a suitable medal, and every assistance possible would be rendered by this Department to expedite its production.

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Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 20, 1926.

Hon. George P. McLean, Chairman,
Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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Respectfully,

Lyman J. Gage

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 28, 1926.

Mr. William H. Stevenson,
The Chamber of Commerce,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 22nd in the interest of the proposed coinage of a 50¢ piece in commemoration of the birth of Stephen Collins Foster.

The Department is opposed to the issue of special coins except those intended for commemorations of national significance. A letter has already been addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures expressing the adverse attitude of the Department toward the issue of this and other special coins. The practice is opposed for the reason that special coins introduce complications into our coinage, prompt counterfeiting, create unjustifiable expense to the Government, and interfere with the operations of the Mint, now fully taxed to supply the volume of regular coinage needed for the business of the country. I am of the opinion that the policy of diverting our coinage into other channels than those for which it was intended is a dangerous one. No such insidious abuse should be permitted to enter into a private business system. I am sure you will appreciate the fact that I am not singling out this measure for opposition, but I cannot consistently approve of it since the Department is on record as opposing the entire policy of special coinages.

It is noted that this coin is intended to cover a celebration occurring July 4, 1926. It would be physically impossible for the Mint to produce this coin by that date. The facilities of the Mint are now fully engaged, and will be taxed to the utmost capacity for the next several months in preparing the coins already authorized for the Sesquicentennial Celebration and in the completion of other coinage commitments which cannot be set aside.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 30, 1926.

Memorandum for the Chief,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Will you please allow the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco a sufficient credit from the "Contingent Fund, Public Moneys", to cover the cost of the shipments of silver coin in accordance with the orders of the Treasurer. The sum of at least $500.00 is suggested.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to April 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended April 30, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Faut
Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The position of Senior Scientific Aid, S. P. 6-2, in this Bureau has been vacated by the resignation on April 25th of Edward A Swedenborg.

I have the honor to recommend that the Civil Service Commission be requested to submit the papers of three eligibles for appointment to this position.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the $2.50 gold piece to be issued in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of March 3, 1925.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current $2.50 gold pieces.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 8, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am returning herewith correspondence relative to the extension of employment of James J. Wilson, a skilled laborer in the United States Assay Office at New York, for a period not exceeding two years from April 19, 1926.

A formal request for this extension was forwarded from this Bureau on April 10, 1926.

Regardless, however, of the attached request for extension, the following statement is submitted:

Mr. Wilson was employed as an elevator conductor from June 1, 1916 to July 1, 1924, when he was made a skilled laborer. It would appear, therefore, that he is not subject to retirement until seventy years of age, and the extension granted to him for two years from April 19, 1924, was erroneous.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter written on March 30, 1925, by the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York which will explain the status of Mr. Wilson. It is recommended that the request for extension of Mr. Wilson for two years from April 19, 1926 be withdrawn, and that in view of the nature of his occupation, which is not laborious or exhausting, he be regarded as eligible for retirement at seventy years of age.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1926.

Chief, Division of Printing,
Office of the Secretary,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of May 11th relative to reprinting the 1914 edition of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia".

The collection which this catalogue represents in no longer in the Mint at Philadelphia, but has been lent to the National Museum in Washington.

In the opinion of this Bureau it is not desirable to have a reprint of this catalogue, since the collection is no longer in the custody of the Mint at Philadelphia, and, furthermore, the author of this work died several years ago, therefore, no revision could be made.

This Bureau has in its files about 25 copies of this book which could be transferred to the Superintendent of Documents for sale.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Division of Printing)

Sir:

I have to request that requisition of this office for printing 250 copies of Mint Service form No. 14, requisition No. 3579, jacket No. 94370, be cancelled.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

E.S.

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May 19, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

At the time the compensation of the field officers of the Mint Service was fixed in accordance with the Act of December 6, 1924, the compensation of the Assayer in Charge at Boise, Idaho, was based on $2500.00, of which $400.00 was considered to be the value of the quarters, including heat and light, and $2100.00 the cash compensation, and the compensation of the Assayer in Charge at Helena, Montana, was based on $2460.00, of which $360.00 was considered to be the value of the quarters, including heat and light, and $2100.00 the cash compensation.

On August 22, 1925, this Bureau addressed a letter to the Budget Officer, Treasury Department, in reply to a circular letter of August 11, 1925, relative to quarters occupied by the Mint Service field officers, appraising the value of these quarters, including heat and light, at $400.00 for the Assayer in Charge at Boise and $360.00 for the Assayer in Charge at Helena.

Approval of the valuation placed on the quarters, including heat and light, for these respective Offices, is requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Copy of letter of August 22, 1925, attached.

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May 20, 1926.

Major J. H. Toulouse, President,
War Mothers Memorial Association,
Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have your letter of May 17th calling attention to Senate Bill 3693, proposing the coinage of a fifty cent piece commemorating the services, sacrifices and patriotism of American War Mothers. Your letter has been read with interest, and I appreciate your courtesy in forwarding the same.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 22, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of May 21st, please be advised that this Office will require approximately fifty U. S. Government Transportation Identification Cards.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Another letter like this dated today

May 25. 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York has made a request for $200.00 from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1926", to cover the cost of shipping half dollars required by the Treasurer of the United States. Will you please honor this request?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

On May 19, 1926, a slight fire occurred in the top floor of the United States Mint at Denver, charcoal stored in the attic having become ignited.

An investigation by the Superintendent, Hon. Frank E. Shepard, reveals that, contrary to the rules of the Mint, several of the employees had been smoking.

As a disciplinary measure the Superintendent suspended the following named employees for one day without pay:

George Borstadt Jr.,
J. C. Hayes,
Harry Baskind,
Walter G. Boswell,
R. L. Hayden.

Your approval of the action of the Superintendent in suspending the men is requested.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended May 31, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am inclosing the service record of Robert Cunningham. The record has been brought up to date by the Officer in charge of personnel at the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir;

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to May 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York has made a request for $200.00 from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1926", to cover the cost of shipping half dollars required by the Treasurer of the United States. Will you please honor this request?

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing)

Sir:

On May 21, 1926, this office made a requisition for printing of twelve Contract Record books, Form No. 1064. These were made necessary by reason of a recent order of the General Accounting Office, directing the numbering of all contracts as a means of referring thereto and of filing same. The books will be needed at the earliest practicable date, and it is requested that their preparation be expedited.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

E.S. Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)

Sir:

I have to request that Treasury Department Requisition for Disbursing Funds, No. 5814, dated June 2, 1926, in favor of Niles R. Becker, Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, in the amount of $21,500.00, be reduced to $19,500.00, and that the amount to be advanced from the Contingent Expense Appropriation, be reduced from $13,500. to $11,500.00.

Respectfully,

F.S.

Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)

Sir:

I have to request that Treasury Department Requisition for Disbursing Funds, No. 3817, dated June 4, 1926, in favor of Frank Styer, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, in the amount of $57,000.00 be returned to this office for cancellation and the enclosed requisition No. 3817, dated June 4, 1926, in favor of Frank Styer, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, in the amount of $49,000.00 be substituted therefor.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of May 24th relative to economies effected in the Mint Service during the fiscal year 1926, the following is submitted:

In personnel services it is estimated that a saving of $44,000. will be made. This has been accomplished partly by the elimination of much overtime work and by coordination of operations, and in the interchange of employees between departments; also by a reduction in the volume of coinage.

A saving of about $10,000. will be effected in the expenditures for materials and supplies. This saving can be attributed principally to the careful use of supplies, to the strict attention paid to storeroom stocks, and to the elimination of waste in every possible direction. A part of this saving should be credited, however, to the reduced volume of coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 8, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of June 5th, you are advised that the following members of this staff will attend the meeting on June 21st:

Mr. Robert J. Grant,
Miss Mary M. O'Reilly,
Mr. Samuel B. Frantz,
Mr. Arthur C. Probey.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. Roy Algate be given an extension of leave on account of sickness for a period of ten days. Mr. Algate has already been granted ten days sick leave during the current calendar year and has no accrued leave. The request for an extension of ten days for Mr. Algate is made for the reason that his case is a deserving one, and I am of the opinion that he merits this privilege.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1926.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodicals are required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payments for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1915.

The Bankers Magazine, New York.
Commercial and Financial Chronicle.
El Economista, Madrid.
The Engineering and Mining Journal-Press.
Federal Statues Annotated, Supplement.
The Bankers Magazine, London.
The Mining Journal.
The Economist.
The Statist.
The Monetary Times, Toronto, Canada.
The Far Eastern Review, Shanghai, China.
South African Mining Journal, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering.
Revista de Bancos Cambios y Moneda.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

P.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 10, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am submitting herewith a list of the employees in the United States Mint Service who will reach retirement age within six months from July 1st, 1926. This list is submitted for transmission to the United States Civil Service Commission in response to a circular letter of the Commission dated April 29th, 1926.

Name.	Date of birth.
U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.	
Denis Barrett	August 25, 1857
C. W. Diefenderfer	April 13, 1852
Harry Filler	September 12, 1861
James P. Garrett	December 11, 1854
Thomas Gledhill	December 2, 1861
Frederick Gotwols	February 11, 1855
Harry Green	August 24, 1857
Sallie Harley	November 2, 1857
Maurice F. Himes	December 24, 1857
Harry Jeffers	July 21, 1861
Frank Lamberson	July 2, 1849
William A. Dee	July 8, 1851
William McBride	December 11, 1854
Tillie McDowell	October 9, 1859
Michael Masterson	December 25, 1855
William F. Ramsey	September 10, 1856
Clara V. Shaw	July 26, 1856
Henry W. Siegfried	February 25, 1854
Frank N. Thompson	November 16, 1846
Ada C. Williamson	December 16, 1854
U. S. Mint San Francisco, Calif.	
Charles H. Arms	December 29, 1856
D. W. Eckman	December 19, 1853

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Name		Date of birth
	U. S. Mint Denver, Colo.	
Winter F. Bowen		August 19, 1856
	U. S. Assay Office New York, N.Y.	
Alanson B. Wilson		November 18, 1856
	U. S. Assay Office Seattle, Wash.	
Henry H. Bulkeley		October 26, 1856

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 17th referring to a note dated June 10th from the Minister of Venezuela, stating that his Government had ordered a detailed inventory of the dies and punches used for the coining of Venezuelan money which are now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. It is further noted that the Minister of Venezuela states that his Government has appointed Senor Julio C. Bolet to perform the services indicated.

In response to your request I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to place at the disposal of Senor Bolet every facility for performing the duty assigned to him at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Vp Garrard B. Winston

acty Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 21, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the 50¢ silver piece to be issued in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and the independence of Vermont, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of February 24, 1925.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current 50¢ silver pieces.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved: JUN 22 1926

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 24, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

Please place to the credit of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco the sum of $200.00 to cover the cost of shipments called for by the Treasurer of the United States.

The Treasurer's Office requests that the funds be made available not later than Friday morning. This will permit the shipment to be in transit over Sunday instead of reaching destination on that day.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of June 23rd relative to the Act of June 3, 1926, "An Act to regulate subsistence expenses of civilian officers and employees while absent from their designated posts of duty on official business".

The application of the provisions of the Act cited will require that the old rates be applied to travel in some instances, as the appropriation of this Bureau for 1927 will not be sufficient to permit the payment of the increased rates for all necessary travel.

It is intended to submit for consideration an increase of $500.00 in the estimates for travel expenses during the fiscal year 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Chief Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)

Sir:

In conformity with your letter dated June 15, 1926, I have the honor to report the amounts indicated below for transfer, from the appropriations named, to the credit of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, being 2½% of substantially all the money to be spent during the fiscal year 1927 for basic salaries, pay, or compensation of persons to whom the Retirement Act applies.

Salaries, Office of Director of the Mint		$ 625
Salaries and Wages,	Mint at Carson City	120
Salaries and Wages,	Mint at Denver	3,600
Salaries and Wages,	Mint at New Orleans	250
Salaries and Wages,	Mint at Philadelphia	14,200
Salaries and Wages,	Mint at San Francisco	6,000
Salaries and Wages,	Assay Office at Boise	90
Salaries and Wages,	Assay Office at Deadwood	70
Salaries and Wages,	Assay Office at Salt Lake City	80
Salaries and Wages,	Assay Office at Helena	120
Salaries and Wages,	Assay Office at New York City	6,000
Salaries and Wages,	Assay Office at Seattle	450
	Total	31,605

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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July 1, 1926.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

July 1, 1926.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning July 1, 1926, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

for Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 1, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended June 30, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to June 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise that no printing or binding has been done for the Mint Field Service during the quarter ended June 30, 1926, at other than the Government Printing Office at Washington.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

R-S.

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July 2, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that George U. Graff be appointed to the position in this Bureau of Senior Scientific Aid, Subprofessional, 6-2, at $1,860.00 per annum, made vacant by the resignation of Edward A. Swedenborg April 25, 1926.

Mr. Graff is at present employed in the Division of Mechanics, Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce.

It is recommended that this appointment be made effective July 15, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of June 25th relative to preliminary estimates for "Contingent Expenses, Treasury Department", as far as can be anticipated, this Bureau does not expect to make requisition on this fund during the fiscal year 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with your circular of June 25th, there is inclosed an inventory of unexpended property in this Bureau as of June 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. George W. Murray, Weigher at $7.80 per diem in the United States Assay Office at New York, be transferred to the position of Assistant Assayer at $2,100. per annum in the United States Mint at New Orleans, effective August 1, 1926.

Mr. Murray's transfer will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. William C. Minger at the close of business July 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request your approval of the transfer of Mr. Edward S. Weaver, Assistant Foreman of the Coining Room of the Mint at Philadelphia at $6.72 per diem to the roll of the National Sesquicentennial Exposition at $8.00 per day.

This transfer is requested for the reason that Mr. Weaver is to be employed in operating the coining press in the Treasury Department Exhibit at the Exposition, effective July 5, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 5, 1926.

Honorable R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to visit the mints and assay offices of the United States on official business during your incumbency as Director of the Mint, whenever, in your opinion, the interests of the service demand it.

While in the performance of this duty your actual and necessary traveling expenses and $6.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence will be allowed.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 12, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the Civil Service Commission be requested to transfer Mr. Joseph Young from Shipkeeper, War Department, New Orleans, to Watchman, U. S. Mint, New Orleans. Mr. Young has held a temporary appointment at the Mint since September 21, 1925, and his work has been very satisfactory. The Assayer in Charge at New Orleans writes: "I have found Mr. Young very reliable and efficient and his work very satisfactory in every respect, and I respectfully recommend that his appointment as Watchman at this Mint be treated as a transfer."

It is very hard to get reliable men to act as Watchmen in New Orleans for the wages we pay, and as we have over $6,000,000. in coin and bullion stored there it is very necessary that we have reliable men in all our departments, and I earnestly request that you give Mr. Young a permanent appointment.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

July 13, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing.

Sir:

In accordance with your circular letter of November 30, 1925, I am returning the unused requests of the old series of "Government Requests for Transportation", four books, numbered T-584796 to T-584815 inclusive, remaining on hand in this Bureau June 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

July 14, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am forwarding the following contracts for furnishing coke to the Philadelphia Mint, and would request that the same be transmitted by you to the Solicitor of the Treasury for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution:

Atlantic Refining Company,
Sun Oil Company,
O. F. Zurn Company,
E. F. Houghton Company,
Bell Coal Company,
Northern Bronze Corporation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

July 19, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of June 25th, I am transmitting a report of discounts taken by the institutions of the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

July 20, 1926.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to the inquiry of Senator McNary's letter of June 12, in-so-far as it pertains to the Mint Service, the following replies to his questions are submitted to you:

1. A United States Assay Office is located at Seattle. Geographic area of jurisdiction not defined.

2. ---------

3. No branch office in Portland.

4. a. Number of employees, 11.

   b. Amount of pay roll, $19,230.00

   c. Floor space approximately 5,000 sq. ft. in rented building for which an annual rental of $2100 is paid.

   d. Total expense of office exclusive of pay roll, $7,973.46.

   e. Total disbursements, exclusive of office expenses, being the amount paid for gold bullion purchased, $7,456,162.84

   f. Total revenue in form of charges collected for treating bullion, $4,760.03.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

July 28, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 27, (EA 023.451) relative to the receipt of a despatch No. 443, from the American Consul at Hamilton, Ontario, asking for a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Responding to your request I have taken pleasure in causing to be sent to you for transmission to the Consul, for the use of Mr. George H. Lees, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925, the latest edition of the Report.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

July 30, 1926.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 28, 1926, relative to the proposed standard form for registering Transportation Requests in Departments, - in the opinion of this Bureau the form is suitable and the quality of paper proposed is practicle.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1926.

Mr. John Spargo,
President Vermont State
Sesqui-centennial Commission,
Bennington, Vermont.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 29, 1926, addressed to the Director of the Mint, relative to the issue of the coin authorized by Congress to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1927.

The design submitted by your sculptor, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, has upon the obverse the years 1777-1927. The general coinage laws require that the year of the coinage shall appear upon the coins of the United States, and the special act authorizing the issue of the Bennington coin provides that all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage of the Bennington coin. As the approved design does not bear the date of 1926 the Mint cannot execute the actual coinage until 1927. The Director of the Mint's office reports that the dies are now being prepared at the Philadelphia Mint, and the execution of the coinage can take place during the first week in January, 1927.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 5, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the heroism of the fathers and mothers who traversed the Oregon Trail to the Far West, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 17, 1926.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merits, have the required approval of the Fine Arts Commission.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Approved:

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 7, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York has recommended that the title of Mrs. Helen Cullen be changed from that of Clerk at $1,300. to that of Helper at $1,300. per annum. Mrs. Cullen was appointed to her present position from the Sub-Clerical Register and is, therefore, understood to be eligible for transfer to the position of Helper. Her duties consist of handling all registered mail, receiving and transmitting telephone calls and substituting in other positions when the emergency arises.

This Bureau concurs in the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 9, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with your request of August 6, 1926, I am returning, in triplicate, form estimate of the printing and binding requirements of the Mint Service for the fiscal year 1928, with comparative figures for 1927 and 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Ms.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 10, 1926.

The Honorable
the Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 5th inclosing a copy of a note in which the Peruvian Ambassador asks that the Philadelphia Mint be authorized to execute for the Government certain specimen coinage. Replying, I take pleasure in stating that the coinage would be executed at the Philadelphia Mint at the following rate:

500,000 Un Sol pieces at $26.50 per 1,000 pieces.

This coinage would require the following metals:

Silver - - - - -	261.185 fine ounces,
Copper - - - - -	15,287.15 pounds, avoirdupois,
Nickel - - - - -	3,306.86 pounds, avoirdupois.

The metals would have to be furnished by the Government of Peru, but if desired, the copper and nickel would be purchased by the Mint at the market price quoted on competitive bids.

The coinage costs include only the cost of coinage and working alloy, but not the cost of metals nor the cost of putting bags. One hundred bags would be required for packing this coin for shipment, and could be purchased by the Mint, as has been the custom, on competitive bids.

These estimates are based on silver 500, copper 400 and nickel 100 fine, and the coin weighing the same as previous coins of the Un Sol denomination coined for the Government of Peru.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

August 11, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 10th relative to warehouse trucks, you are advised that the Mint Service does not use them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 17, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Printing)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Distribution Unit has advised this office that their mailing list for the circular "Value of Foreign Coins" includes a total of 1,772 copies. Allowing 228 extra copies for Distribution Unit, 200 copies for the Mint Bureau, and 300 copies for the Division of Printing, will give a total of 2,500 copies as the estimated quarterly requirements during the current fiscal year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 17, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with your request of July 8, 1926, I have the honor to forward herewith statement of publications printed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 19, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 19th relative to Bureau of the Budget Circular No. 195, dated August 11, 1926, "Promulgating Standardized Government Travel Regulations", you are advised that this Bureau will require 50 copies of these regulations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 20, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended July 31, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Wm M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 20, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Circular No. 8, I have to report that Mr. George U. Graff was appointed to the position in this Bureau of Senior Scientific Aid, Subprofessional, 6-2, at $1,860.00 per annum, effective July 16, 1926, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Edward A. Swedenborg.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 20, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to July 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. Riley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 24, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a copy of a letter forwarded by this Bureau on April 12, 1926, requesting authority to change the status of Mr. Austin G. Graham, a skilled workman in the assay department of the United States Assay Office at New York to junior assayer.

Please advise the Bureau what action, if any, has been taken by the United States Civil Service Commission in this case.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 27, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am returning in blank the questionnaire sent with your circular letter of August 26th, and I have to state that none of the duplicating machines listed are in use in this Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 1, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended August 31, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to August 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 8, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please place to the credit of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum, $3,000.00, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. A. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 9, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please place to the credit of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, the sum, $1,000.00, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 2, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval amendments to the table of charges, approved July 1, 1925, affecting the sale of gold bars by the United States Assay Office at New York and the coinage Mints. These amendments are in accordance with the terms agreed upon in conference with you. It is recommended that the amendments be approved effective

Respectfully.

(Sgd) M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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6. Bar Charges:

Gold bars may be sold only in lots of not less than $5000 and only when of standard fineness (900 thousandths) or above; payment to be in gold coin or gold certificates.

No charge will be imposed on any gold bars of a fineness below 999 thousandths when special sizes are not requested.

The following charges will be made on any bars of fineness of 999 thousandths or above and for any bars of any fineness when requested in special sizes:

Gold-Bar Charges	Per $100 value
Bars of $5,000 in value and over - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$0.05
Bars of less than $5,000 to $500, assorted sizes - - - - - -	.06
Bars of less than $500, assorted sizes - - - - - - - - - - - -	.07
Bars between $300 and $200 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	.09
Bars of a fineness of 999.9, not over $5,000 (When re- - -	.09
Bars of a fineness of 999.9, over $5,000 - - quested) - -	.08

Approved, effective Oct 1-1926

G. B. Winston

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 20, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with the request of the Undersecretary of the Treasury, dated September 9, 1926, I am forwarding herewith an abstract of the annual report of this office covering operations of the Mint Service during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 21, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am returning herewith a letter of the Civil Service Commission, dated September 17, 1925, in reference to the proposed continuance in the service of Mr. Thomas F. Hannon, fireman-engineer, United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Mr. Hannon's employment as fireman-engineer necessitates exposure to extreme heat and requires great physical effort, and for that reason he is regarded by the Department as retirable at 62 years under the provisions of the Act approved July 3, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 21, 1926.

Mr. Alfred Joseph Blumel,
Josephstadterstrabe 82,
Vienna, Austria VIII.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 8th, inclosing a copy of your booklet, "The Coinage of Different Countries", edited by you and dedicated to His Excellency, the President of the United States.

I have reviewed the booklet with much interest and have taken pleasure in placing it in the Library of this Department where it will be of much value as a reference book.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 28, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of September 25th asking that changes and corrections be made in the table "Stock of Money in the United States", to be embodied in the next issue of the World Almanac, I am inclosing the table with the necessary changes and corrections made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 1, 1926.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 1, 1926.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning October 1, 1926, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per-centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

September 29, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of September 25th inclosing a copy of Bulletin No. 9, Supplement No. 10 from the Office of the Chief Coordinator relative to Government-owned and leased Real Estate, I beg to state that no property was disposed of or acquired since January 1, 1922.

The only property under lease to the Mint Service is the Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, and upon the last renewal of this lease the required clearance was obtained from the Federal Real Estate Board.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 1, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended September 30, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 1, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise that no printing or binding has been done for the Mint Field Service during the quarter ended September 30, 1926, at other than the Government Printing Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to September 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 12, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of October 11th, I am inclosing a copy of the circular "Values of Foreign Coins" as of October 1, 1926, which is desired for use in connection with the issue of the "World Almanac".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 13, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your circular letter of October 9, 1926, concerning the use of standard public voucher form No. 1034, I have to advise that the Mint Service is still using the old public voucher forms, in conformity with paragraph 15 of General Accounting Office Regulations No. 51, which reads, in part, as follows:

> "Authority is granted to consume the printed supply on hand of the forms now in use corresponding to those named in paragraph 1 of these regulations:
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> * * * * * * *
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> and Provided further, That information as to contract number, date, etc., called for on the face of Standard Form 1034 be shown on the old forms and that use of old forms be discontinued not later than July 1, 1927."

It is anticipated that we have sufficient of the old forms to meet our requirements during the current fiscal year. The new forms will be put into use beginning July first next, unless further directions are received to the contrary.

As regards telegram and cablegram vouchers paid in Washington, I have to advise that the vouchers, which it is understood are prepared in the Department, are still being received on the old forms. These are being certified and forwarded to the Disbursing Clerk for payment as heretofore.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 15, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of September 8, 1926, a statement of travel by the officers and employees of the Mint Service during the fiscal year 1926, is submitted herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 19, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a report covering the activities of the Mint Service in meeting the emergencies created by the World War.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 19, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of September 10th, there is submitted herewith a report of the typewriters purchased in exchange in the Mint Service during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 19, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that James E. Hall, a helper ~~skilled workman~~ at $5.35 per diem at the United States Mint at Denver, be transferred to the position of skilled workman at $5.35 per diem at the United States Mint at San Francisco.

The Superintendents of the respective institutions have acquiesced in this recommendation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 20, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

There is submitted the following report covering the disposition authorized by Congress of useless papers and documents in various institutions of the Mint Service:

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia: Sold 27,930 pounds and was paid $219.25 therefor.

U. S. Mint, San Francisco: Sold 24,000 pounds and was paid $12.00 therefor.

U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington: Sold 375 pounds and was paid $1.50 therefor.

U. S. Mint, Carson, Nevada: Destroyed 2,500 pounds by burning same.

U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota: Destroyed 251 pounds by burning same.

U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana: Destroyed 850 pounds by burning same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 20, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 20th, calling attention to a letter from the Civil Service Commission and Civil Service retirement circular No 36, dated July 14, 1926, a copy of which was received in this Bureau.

On August 10th this Bureau addressed a letter to the Division of Appointments in reference to the circular letter, asking to be advised in the premises. On August 17th a letter was received from you stating that in the opinion of the Department, melters, helpers and firemen were retirable at 62 years of age. A copy of the letter of this Bureau of August 10th, together with a copy of your letter of August 17th, is attached.

On the strength of the decision contained in your letter of August 17th, a letter was addressed to all the institutions of the Mint Service under date of August 18th. A copy of this letter is attached. Appropriate action on the part of the Superintendents followed in several instances and recommendations were made for the continuance in the service of men who had reached the age of 62 years.

In reference to this situation, I now have the honor to request that the decision of the Department dated August 17, 1926, making 62 years the retirable age of melters, helpers and firemen be reconsidered, and that the age of retirement of all employees in the Mint and Assay Service, outside of those now regarded as retirable at 70 years, be fixed at not less than 65 years. I am of the opinion that the men engaged as melters, helpers and firemen, although said by their immediate superiors to be engaged in hazardous and exhausting employment, should not be regarded as engaged in occupations which jeopardize their lives.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

October 20, 1926.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that amounts indicated below be transferred from the appropriations named to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, being amounts actually deducted from the compensation of employees which have not heretofore been transferred.

Salaries and Wages,	Mint at Carson City,	1926 -	$ 12.00
" " "	Mint at Denver,	" -	370.75
" " "	Mint at New Orleans,	" -	18.61
" " "	Mint at Philadelphia,	" -	257.66
" " "	Mint at San Francisco,	" -	156.13
" " "	Assay Office at Boise,	" -	14.63
" " "	Assay Office at Deadwood,	" -	9.50
" " "	Assay Office at Salt Lake City,	" -	9.00
" " "	Assay Office at Helena,	" -	30.00
" " "	Assay Office at New York,	" -	103.54
" " "	Assay Office at Seattle,	" -	39.92
Special Fund, Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold -		-	18.73
Total -			1,040.47

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

November 1, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended October 31, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

November 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of October 27th, I am returning the form prepared by the Bureau of Standards calling for information for "The Standards Year Book".

Checks have been placed opposite the commodities tested by the United States Mint Service under the heading of ores and metals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

November 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to October 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please place to the credit of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of $2,000.00, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

November 3, 1926.

Chief Clerk and Member, Executive Committee,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 14th inclosing a copy of Memorandum #26 of the Interdepartmental Board on Simplified Office Procedure, and submitting for criticism a proposed standard form of time card, the following is submitted:

In the opinion of this Bureau the size of this card is extremely awkward and would require the purchase of special cabinets where large numbers of cards were necessary. Further, the following criticisms are submitted:

a. All of the items provided are essential.

b. Should it be determined to have this type of card used in the field, the arrangement should include columns for Minutes under Annual, and one each for Hours and Minutes under Without Pay

c. Even with the suggested addition, as in "b", which would tend to increase the size of the already large and cumbersome card, it would not serve its intended purpose to a greater degree, nor be so easily posted (on account of the unbroken, very small, squared columns) or admit of as speedy a check and proof as the compact and altogether comprehensive card now in use, Departmental Stock Form 2152.

d. Our criticisms are confined to answers in paragraphs "b" and "c", although we suggest that Form 2152 be amended as per sample inclosed, to be used in conjunction with Form 2240, which provides a 28 year individual time record.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 12, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 8 regarding the manufacture of pure nickel coins. The Treasury Department will be glad to give careful consideration to your proposal.

The nickel coins outstanding on June 30, 1926, aggregated $61,000,000, the gross weight of which was approximately 13,420,000 avoirdupois pounds. At to-day's market price this amount of pure nickel would be worth about $4,700,000.

The question arises as to whether this amount of metal would be considered appreciable for the purposes mentioned in your letter.

To mint pure nickel coin would necessitate the purchase of new mint equipment and there would also arise the necessity for legislation authorizing the Treasury Department to demonetize the current nickel coin and to issue a coin of a new alloy and design. To this would be added the cost of withdrawing the nickel coins from circulation and the refrabricating of the metal for your purposes. The cost of this process would be heavy.

The seigniorage on the comparatively small nickel coinage for the fiscal year just closed would have been about $85,000 less had the coins been made of pure nickel.

Most of the nickel now used comes from the Cobalt district in Canada. 25% of the metal in our current five-cent piece is copper. Should we substitute pure nickel for our present copper-nickel alloy we would probably antagonize our alert copper companies and consequently our silver producers.

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In view of these facts, therefore, the Treasury Department's approval of the proposed change would be influenced to a considerable extent by the relative benefits which would accrue to the War Department.

I shall appreciate an expression from your Department in this connection, and if the amount of metal involved is considered by you to be appreciable, the Treasury will proceed with its consideration of the expediency of your suggestion.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 17, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 16th, Fa 032 Nakazawa, Y., Dr.

You will find herewith a letter authorizing Dr. Nakazawa to visit the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 22, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am sending you herewith six copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1926 for the use of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

Please note that this Report is not to be released until December 11, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following positions in the United States Mint and Assay Service should come under the class of employees to be retired or extended at 65 years:

Foreman of the Die Room,
Transfer Engraver,
Foreman Carpenter and Assistants,
Foreman Electrician and Assistants,
Foreman Medal Room and Assistants,
Foreman of the Melting Room and Assistants,
Melters and Melters' Helpers,
Assistant Foremen of Machinists and all Machinists,
Foreman and Assistant Foremen of the Coining Room,
Foreman of Automatic Scales and Assistant,
Foreman of the Rolling Room and Assistants,
Foreman of the Makeup Room and Assistants,
Coin Counters,
Cupel Furnace Men,
Blacksmiths,
Adjuster of Scales and Assistant,
Furnace Builders,
Engineers and Assistants,
Die Makers,
Foreman of the Whitening Room and Assistants,
Foreman of Provers and Assistant,
Foreman of the Milling Room and Assistants,
Foreman of Sweeps Cellar and Assistant,
Melters,
Oilers,
Pressmen,
Ingot Rollers,
Firemen Engineers,
Firemen,
Skilled Workmen,

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Helpers,
Laborers,
Selectors,
Forewomen and Assistants in the Sewing Room,
Sewing Women,
Charwomen,
All positions in the melting and refining department, other than clerical.

All other employees to be regarded as eligible for retirement or extension at 70 years of age.

Attention is invited to the attached correspondence with the United States Civil Service Commission on this subject.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1926.

~~The Honorable~~

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 4, 1926, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended November 30, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to November 30, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1926.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please place to the credit of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of $2,000, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1927.

Respectfully,
M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In response to circular letter of September 9, 1926, relative to the disposition of papers, documents, etc., in the files of the Department which are not needed or useful in the transaction of public business or have no permanent or historical value, I have the honor to submit a schedule of papers, documents, etc., which may be disposed of without detriment to the service. The material listed represents accumulations at the Assay Offices at New York and Helena.

ASSAY OFFICE AT NEW YORK.

Cashier's Blotter, 1870 to 1913,
Payroll Book, 1875 to 1912,
Silver Purchases, 1877 to 1878,
Unpartad Bullion Slips, 1854 to 1909,
Ordinary Register of Warrants, 1854 to 1911,
Ordinary Account Journal, 1854 to 1894,
Ordinary Account Ledger, 1854 to 1904,
Cashier's Desk Book - Receipt for Warrants Paid, 1861 to 1911,
Fractions Paid on Bullion Deposits, 1907 to 1916,
Gold Sil. Bars Appropriated on Sil Dep., 1902 to 1908,
Register of Expenses, Ordinary Account, 1876 to 1910,
Reg. Classified Silver Deposits, 1882 to 1886,
Approximate weight, between 400 and 500 pounds.

ASSAY OFFICE AT HELENA.

Check Stubs for both bullion and regular accounts, 1879 - 1903,
Mint Receipt Stubs, 1877 - 1914,
Retained Copies of invoices of bullion shipments and
miscellaneous formal reports, 1884 - 1912,
Approximate weight, 870 pounds.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1918.

Secretary of the Treasury.
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. Roy Algate be given an extension of leave on account of sickness for a period of nine days. Mr. Algate has already been granted twenty days sick leave during the current calendar year and has no accrued leave. The request for an extension of nine days for Mr. Algate is made for the reason that his case is a deserving one, and this Bureau is of the opinion that he merits this privilege.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

The Congress of Honduras has recently adopted a law establishing the gold standard for the currency of that Republic.

I have the honor to request that, if compatible with the policy of your Department, a copy of this law be obtained by your Department from the duly accredited representative of the Honduran Government at this capital and transmitted to this Department for the official use of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 9, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 8th, "FA:102.14/264", inclosing a translation of a note from the Minister of Nicaragua in regard to his Government's desire to have certain coinage executed at the Philadelphia Mint.

I take pleasure in stating that the desired coinage could be executed at the Philadelphia Mint shortly after the opening of the coming calendar year.

An estimate of the cost of this coinage and further details will be supplied as soon as the necessary information is submitted to this Department.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 14, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Your letter of December 13th, in which you refer to your request for a description to the exhibits installed by the Mint Service at the Sesquicentennial Exposition, and your letter inclosing a letter from Honorable Thomas E. Campbell, Commissioner General, relative to photographs and a description of the Mint Exhibit, have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for report and return.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1926.

Hon. Everett Sanders,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

Dear Mr. Sanders:

I have your letter December 16 enclosing a communication received by the President from Hon. Addison T. Smith in which you ask that Mr. Roy A. Read of Twin Falls, Idaho, be appointed a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I have today taken pleasure in advising Congressman Smith that Mr. Read's name will be placed on the list for appointment as a member of the Assay Commission when the list is submitted to the President in January.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 17, 1926.

Hon. Addison T. Smith,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Smith:

Your letter of December 14 addressed to the President in behalf of the appointment of Mr. Roy A. Read of Twin Falls, Idaho, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets in February, has been referred to me.

I take pleasure in advising you that the name of Mr. Read has been placed on the list to be submitted to the President some time in January.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 22, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. R. T. Algate be allowed an extension of leave on account of sickness for a period of two days. Mr. Algate has already been granted twenty-eight days sick leave during the current calendar year, and has no accrued leave. The request for this extension is made for the reason that his case is a deserving one, and this Bureau is of the opinion that he merits this privilege.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1926.

Hon. C. L. Bouve, Agent of the United States,
General and Special Claims Commissions
United States and Mexico
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of December 20, 1926, Agency File No. 4770, I have the honor to advise that the earliest proclamation of the values of foreign coins, expressed in the money of account of the United States, was that of January 1874, in conformity with the act of March 3, 1873. By that proclamation the Secretary of the Treasury declared, on the estimate of the Director of the Mint, that the monetary standard of Mexico was silver, the monetary unit being the dollar having value in United States money of account of $1.0475. Silver being the Mexican legal standard and representing the unit of account, its value was reduced to the basis of gold on the assumption that the ratio of 15½ to 1 represented the relative values of silver and gold.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 1, 1927.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 28, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 24th, your file Fa-102.14/269.

Gold may be shipped from the Central American and South American countries either to the Mint at San Francisco or the Assay Office at 32 Wall Street, New York, but should be shipped through an Agent at either of those ports.

The bullion must be delivered at the Mint or Assay Office free of cost, and after having cleared through the customs.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 1, 1927.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning January 1, 1927, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 3, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended December 31, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to December 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1927.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of January 8, 1927, the following list is submitted covering the names of the members of this Bureau who expect to attend the meeting of the Business Organization of the Government on Saturday, January 29, 1927:-

Hon. R. J. Grant, Director of the Mint.
Miss M. M. O'Reilly.
Mr. T. J. Quirk.
Mr. S. B. Frantz.
Mr. Arthur Probey.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C.

December 27, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

On September 10, 1926, the Department transmitted a request for the approval of the continuance of Thomas F. Hannon, fireman-engineer, U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, for a period not exceeding two years from July 1, 1926. This action was based upon the assumption that the retirement age of firemen-engineers, in which position Mr. Hannon is serving, would be 62 years. It is improbable, or at least by no means certain, that the retirement age attached to the position will be lowered. In the meantime and unless or until it is changed, the retirement age of Mr. Hannon will be 65 years.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

(Sgd) John T. Doyle
Secretary.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, for his information ~~xxxxxxxx~~.

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.
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January 11, 1927.

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The Chief Clerk,

Navy Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find two copies of Interrogatories which are sent each year to the principal countries of the world for the purpose of obtaining information concerning monetary matters, including production of gold and silver, coinage, etc.

It is desired to obtain the same information concerning the Virgin Islands, and your cooperation to that end is requested. Copies of comparative tables compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years are also enclosed as being of possible interest to those who prepare the answers. It is requested that one copy of the Interrogatory with answers be returned to this office, the other to be retained by you for reference if desired.

I trust that it will be possible for the information to reach this office before October 1st of the current year in order that it may be published in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1926-1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Encl.

January 11, 1927.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit under separate cover a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. Copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables as complete as possible.

The information elicited by these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the subjects specified.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained from one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., so as to reach him by October 1st. Data received after that date are too late for publication during the current year.

The cooperation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 13, 1927.

My dear Senator Pepper:

I have your letter of January 7, 1927, enclosing a letter received by you from Alexander Johnson suggesting the issue of a memorial coin to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the death of John Morton.

The Department is very strongly opposed to the issue of special coins. Objection is made for the following reasons: The coinage should not be commercialized to finance any project or to commemorate any other events than those of great national importance to all of the people. The policy of issuing special coins opens the way to counterfeiting and makes the protection of the integrity of our coinage exceedingly difficult. The issue of such coins is not in the interest of the general public and usually satisfies a very limited demand. The practice introduces confusion into our system of coinage, is an unnecessary expense, and as actual results have shown special coins are not liked by the public.

Recent issues of special coins have been, almost without exception, entire failures as a source of profit to the organizations bringing about the legislation. So many special coins have been authorized and issued within the last few years that the public is in no way interested in them or impressed by them. I might say for your confidential information that the last memorial half-dollar issued, -that for the Sesquicentennial Exposition at Philadelphia, -was a complete failure. Although the mint was asked to have the entire number authorized by Congress ready for the Commission, and made $500,000 in these pieces, only about $80,000 were disposed of.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. George Wharton Pepper,
United States Senate.

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January 13, 1927.

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully recommend that you appoint the following as members of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on February 9, 1927, in accordance with Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes:

Charles H. March, Litchfield, Minnesota.
William A. Ashbrook, Johnston, Ohio.
L. E. Brown, Jackson, Mississippi.
J. U. Eldredge, Jr., Ogden, Utah.
A. R. Johnston, Reevesville, S. C.
Roy A. Read, Twin Falls, Idaho.
W. T. Taggart, Philadelphia, Pa.
Walter H. Trask, Denver, Colorado.
Edward Wichers, Washington, D. C.
S. K. Earl, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Grace Swigert, Cradell, New Jersey.

The Comptroller of the Currency.
The Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
The Assayer, U.S. Assay Office, New York.
} Ex-officio Members.

The duty of the Commission is to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several mints of the United States during the calendar year 1926. At all of the mints, out of every delivery of coin to the Treasury, a certain number of pieces are taken and forwarded under seal to the Philadelphia Mint for examination by the Commission in order to secure due conformity in the gold and silver coins to their respective standards of fineness and weight. The law provides that the Commission shall consist of the Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Assayer of the United States Assay at New York, and such other persons as the President shall designate.

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No compensation is provided for the members of the Commission, but their actual and necessary expenses to and from Philadelphia by the most direct route, and while in attendance at the sessions of the Commission, are reimbursed.

Faithfully yours,

W. G. McAdoo

Secretary of the Treasury

The President,
The White House.

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January 17, 1927.

Mrs. Grace Swigert,
Oradell, New Jersey.

Madam:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Mr. Roy A. Read,
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance at the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Mr. A. R. Johnston,
Reevesville, South Carolina.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance at the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Mr. William Ashbrook,
Johnston, Ohio.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed. Actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance at the sessions, will be reimbursed from the Contingent Appropiration, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Mr. Charles H. March,
Litchfield, Minnesota.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance at the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Mr. J. U. Eldredge, Jr.,
Ogden, Utah.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Mr. L. E. Brown,
Jackson, Mississippi.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance at the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Dr. Edward Wichers,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance at the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you. Subsistence expenses not in excess of $7.00 per calendar day will be allowed.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Dr. W. T. Taggart,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Mr. S. R. Earl,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1927.

Mr. Walter H. Trask,
845 Pennsylvania Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The President has today appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, February 9, 1927.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 18, 1927.

Honorable J. Whitaker Thompson,
Judge of the United States District Court,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Annual Assay Commission to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several mints of the United States during the calendar year 1926 will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on Wednesday, February 9, 1927, at 10 o'clock. As prescribed by Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes, you, as Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, are an ex-officio member of the Commission.

No compensation is allowed, but necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed from the Contingent Appropriation of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Office whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:
By direction of the Secretary

~~Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.~~

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January 18, 1927.

Hon. J. W. McIntosh,
Comptroller of the Currency,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Comptroller:

The Commission to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several mints of the United States during the calendar year 1926 will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on the 9th of February, at 10 o'clock. As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Comptroller of the Currency, are an ex-officio member of the Annual Assay Commission.

No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be allowed; payment to be made from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1927, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Office whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:
JAN 18 1927
By direction of the Secretary

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 19, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with your circular of January 6, 1927, there is inclosed an inventory of unexpended property in this Bureau as on December 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of War:

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 15, 1927, relative to the securing of designs and models for the two decorations provided by Sections 11 and 12 of the Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1926, (44 Stat.720).

The Director of the Mint has been instructed to request the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia to submit designs and models for the purposes above cited. It is understood that the War Department is without funds to pay for such services, and that the Engraver of the Mint is to undertake the Commission without remuneration, and in his capacity as Engraver of the United States Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 26, 1927.

Hon. William J. Harris,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of January 25, 1927, recommending that Mr. Wilson M. Hardy, Rome, Georgia, be named as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets in Philadelphia on February 9, 1927.

On January 13, 1927, the President signed the list designating the members of the Commission for this year; I regret, therefore, that it will not be possible for me to accede to your request this time.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 2, 1927.

Honorable Richard N. Elliott, Chairman,
Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

My attention has been called to H. R. 16654, A Bill to authorize the remodeling of the building occupied by the United States Mint at Carson, Nevada, which is now before your Committee. As you are aware similar legislation was introduced on April 10, 1924.

About one half of the Mint Building at Carson is now used as an Assay Office. Coinage operations ceased at Carson in 1893. The work done there consists principally of the receipt and purchase of gold bullion, its treatment and preparation for shipment to a coinage mint. At times and over periods of several weeks there are necessarily many thousands of dollars worth of gold in process and in storage. This fact is well known to the public.

I am of the opinion that it would be incompatible with safety to use any part of this building to shelter prisoners. It is further believed that depositors of gold bullion, for whose convenience the Assay Office is now maintained by the Government, would be very reluctant to do business with the Assay Office if the building were to be used in part to house criminals.

This department would interpose no objection to the surrender of the unused part of the building for some other activity of the federal government than that of a prison.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 3, 1927.

Dear Governor Crissinger;

Referring to the letter addressed to you by Honorable Frank B. Willis, with which is enclosed a letter from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Harding Memorial Association, in regard to the proposal to issue a Harding Memorial coin, the following is submitted:

It is fully realized that a coin issued in memory of President Harding would have a very wide appeal. However, this Department has consistently held that the policy of issuing special coins to produce revenue for any project other than those of great national interest to all of the people is ill advised. The practice introduces confusion into our system of coinage, invites counterfeiting, and renders the protection of the integrity of our coinage extremely difficult. It is further submitted that the sale of special coins has not been successful, and the public has become almost wholly indifferent to them.

The following statement covering the sale of special coins recently issued may be of interest to you:-

Special Coins	No. Authorized	Percentage Sold.
Maine half-dollar	100,000	.50
Pilgrim half-dollar	300,000	.70
Missouri half-dollar	250,000	.08
Alabama half-dollar	100,000	.66
Grant half-dollar	250,000	.28
Monroe Doctrine half-dollar	300,000	.19
Huguenot-Walloon half-dollar	300,000	.30
Vancouver half-dollar	300,000	.05
Sesqui-centennial Half-dollar	1,000,000	.15-

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable D. R. Crissinger,
Governor Federal Reserve Board,
Treasury Department.

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February 9, 1927.

Honorable Reed Smoot, Chairman,
Committee on Finance,
United States Senate.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of S.5578, A Bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare a medal with appropriate emblems and inscriptions commemorative of the services sacrifices and patriotism of the American women of all wars in which the United States has participated, with a request to furnish the Committee with suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

The medals could be prepared at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, from dies to be furnished by the War Mothers National Memorial Hospital Association, upon payment of the cost of the medals. No objection would be interposed by this Department to this proposed legislation.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 11, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Annual Assay Commission has completed its work at the Philadelphia Mint and reports that all of the coins reserved through the year 1926 for test by the Commission have been found to be within the requirements of law as to weight and fineness.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1927.

The Secretary of the Treasury
Division of Printing.

Sir:

In accordance with Department Circular No. 365, December 2, 1925, I have the honor to enclose return covering Transportation Requests issued to this Bureau for the period July 1, 1926 to December 31, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1927.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of January 15, 1927, I am enclosing a job sheet for the fiscal accounting position in this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1927.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of your circular letter of January 31, 1927, there is enclosed a statement covering the questionnaire regarding space used by this Bureau for files.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 11, 1927, in regard to the Nicaraguan Government's desire to have certain coinage executed at the Philadelphia Mint, and enclosing a note from the Nicaraguan Minister requesting an estimate of the cost and other details in connection with this coinage.

COINAGE CHARGES:

	Per M. pieces.
500,000 - 10-centavo silver pieces, weight 2½ grams, 800 fine	$4.50
100,000 - 5-centavo nickel pieces, 75% copper and 25% nickel,	3.50
250,000 - 1-centavo bronze pieces, 94.75% copper, 4% tin, and 1.25% zinc,	2.20

BULLION AND METAL REQUIRED:

500,000 - 10-centavos	32,150.00 fine ounces silver.
100,000 - 5-centavos	826.7142 avd. lbs. electrolytic copper 275.5714 avd. lbs. electrolytic nickel
250,000 - 1-centavo	2,088.8318 avd. lbs. electrolytic copper 88.1829 avd. lbs. tin 27.5568 avd. lbs. zinc.
TOTAL	32,150.00 fine ounces silver 2,915.5460 avd. lbs. electrolytic copper 275.5714 avd. lbs. electrolytic nickel 88.1829 avd. lbs. tin 27.5568 avd. lbs. zinc.

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The dies for the five-centavo nickel piece, and the one-centavo bronze piece are in the custody of the Mint at Philadelphia. The Mint has not the dies for the ten-centavo silver piece.

The coinage charges include the cost of working dies and also the cost of alloy copper for the silver piece.

The silver bullion required would have to be supplied by the Government of Nicaragua. The copper, tin and zinc required for the minor coins could be purchased by the Mint for the Government of Nicaragua, on competitive bids in the open market. The cost of these metals is not included in the coinage charges; neither do the charges include the cost of containers for shipment of the coins.

If master dies for the ten-centavo silver piece are required, and it is desired that they be made at the Mint, the cost would be $300. The designs for the dies would have to be furnished to the Mint. About three weeks would be needed for the preparation of master dies.

The coinage could be completed in about two weeks after the completion of the dies.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 18, 1927.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith a list of questions, in triplicate, concerning coinage and monetary matters, submitted with your letter FA 102.14/273 dated February 5, 1927, with answers desired by the British Ambassador.

Respectfully,

Encl.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 21, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 19, 1927, (FA 102.14/275) enclosing two specimens each of the five and ten cent nickel coins of Yunnan Province which were received from Mr. M. S. Myers, until recently American Consul at Yunnanfu, China.

The coins will be placed in the numismatic collection of the Government now in the custody of the National Museum.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 21, 1927.

Hon. George P. McLean, Chairman,
Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of February 18, 1927, enclosing a copy of Senate Bill No. 5695, authorizing the coinage of a 50-cent silver piece in commemoration of the dedication of Rushmore Mountain, and for several other purposes.

As you are aware, the attitude of the Department is that of opposition to the policy of permitting the issue of special coins except in commemoration of great national events of concern to all of the people. The issue of special coins to provide gain to cover the cost of local undertakings is subversive to the interests of the general public. The government is put to the expense of purchasing metal and manufacturing such coins, only to have them returned by thousands to be melted up. The sale of special coins has been a complete failure in most instances during the last few years. I am very strongly of the opinion that the coinage of our country should not be exploited for profit for merely local enterprises.

I deeply appreciate your courtesy in affording me the opportunity to express the adverse view of this Department on the particular measure under review.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury

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March 1, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended February 28, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to February 28, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 28, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25th, inclosing a translation of a note from the Minister of Venezuela relative to coinage which his Government desires to have executed at the Philadelphia Mint.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed with the execution of the coinage of 200,000 bolivars in nickel coins at the Mint in Philadelphia. It is understood that the Bank of Venezuela has commissioned the Guaranty Trust Company of New York to represent it in dealing with the Mint at Philadelphia in relation to this coinage, including the receiving of the money at the Mint and directing its shipment to Venezuela.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 4, 1927.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants).

Sir:

In conformity with your circular letter of February 26, 1927, concerning procedure for the settlement of claims of common carriers, I have to advise that transportation vouchers payable from appropriations under the jurisdiction of the Mint Bureau, approved by the General Accounting Office for payment by the Treasury Disbursing Clerk, should be routed through this office for transmission to the Disbursing Clerk. The administrative office is required to approve the account of the Disbursing Clerk at the time it is transmitted to the General Accounting Office; to do this, records must be kept showing the account's status; the administrative office must know when advance of funds is needed, which involves a knowledge of the balances held by the Disbursing Clerk. When transportation vouchers are sent to the General Accounting Office for preaudit it is impossible to determine whether they will be returned for payment by the Disbursing Clerk -- see paragraph 3 of "Memorandum of Procedure for the Settlement of Claims and Demands of Common Carriers", providing for separate certificates of settlement in not infrequent instances. Therefore these vouchers should not be charged into the Disbursing Officer's account by the administrative office until it is known that the Disbursing Clerk will make payment. There is also the feature of lapse of time between administrative examination of voucher, audit, and payment by the Disbursing Clerk; if vouchers are charged to the Disbursing Clerk at the time they are forwarded for audit, there will always be quite a number of unpaid vouchers which, at the end of every month, will be troublesome when reconciling the Disbursing Clerk's stated balance with that of the administrative office. The changed procedure adds 10 Mint Service appropriations (with an inconsiderable number of vouchers) to those heretofore handled by the Treasury Disbursing Clerk.

Concerning the 4th paragraph of the Comptroller General's letter of February 15, 1927, in which he suggests administrative scheduling of all vouchers sent to the disbursing office for payment, in such manner that one copy of the schedules could be used as a disbursing officer's detailed record of vouchers paid and another as original schedule for transmitting vouchers to the General Accounting Office, the following is submitted: Vouchers are transmitted for payment day by day throughout the month. The disbursing officer's ac-

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counts are rendered monthly, the total chargeable to each appropriation appearing on the face of the account current. Therefore a controlling element pertaining to the scheduling of vouchers is that not only each item, but each day's schedule must be so prepared that the month's aggregation of the items chargeable to each separate appropriation can be readily made for arriving at the total appearing on the face of the account current. This would seem to require that a separate schedule be supplied each day for vouchers pertaining to each separate appropriation, or that a schedule of sufficient width to provide a separate column for each appropriation under the jurisdiction of an administrative bureau, be used for each day's quota of vouchers forwarded for settlement. Either plan would necessitate the use of considerable quantities of paper upon which there would be much blank space, with corresponding increase of required filing space. The plan's economy where numerous daily payments are made by a disbursing officer from one or more appropriations might be wholly offset by its extravagance where a moderate or small number of payments are made from many other appropriations.

If the procedure described in paragraph 4 of circular of the Comptroller General, "Memorandum of Procedure for the Settlement of Claims and Demands of Common Carriers", contemplates use of the schedules named as detailed schedules of disbursements in the accounts of the Disbursing Clerk, the number of schedules required would be materially increased, since the controlling segregation requirement is separate scheduling for each appropriation. For example, a single day's quota of seven transportation vouchers might all carry items chargeable to a single appropriation but call for seven different schedules; namely:

1. Passenger, eastern territory.
2. " western "
3. Pullman.
4. Freight, Eastern division.
5. " western "
6. " southern "
7. Express.

In addition, one or more of the vouchers might carry items chargeable to two or more appropriations, which would necessitate additional schedules and repeated listing of such vouchers.

It would seem that the General Accounting Office proposal to simplify the work of settling claims in that office, while being entirely practical, contemplates both additional complexity and additional work in the administrative offices, as well as requirement for additional paper, printing, and filing space.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

M-b.

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March 14, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to the circular letter of the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Commission dated February 3, 1927, (Retirement Circular No. 48), I have to state that the following three employees of the United States Mint Service were absent in excess of six months during the calendar year 1926:

Denver Mint.

Name:	Absent during 1926
Kennan, Patrick J.	
(A) Leave with pay - - - - - - - - - - -	15 days
(B) Sick with pay - - - - - - - - - - -	0 "
(C) Furloughed indefinitely without pay from July 1st - - - - - - - - -	6 months
Russell, Roy G.	
(A) Leave with pay - - - - - - - - - - -	15 days
(B) Sick with pay - - - - - - - - - - -	0 "
(C) Furloughed indefinitely without pay from July 1st - - - - - - - -	6 months
Williamson, Raymond M.	
(A) Leave with pay - - - - - - - - - - -	15 days
(B) Sick with pay - - - - - - - - - - -	7 "
(C) Furloughed indefinitely without pay from July 1st - - - - - - - - -	6 months

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of March 5th, with which was transmitted Chief Coordinator's Bulletin No. 4, Supplement No. 10, relative to receipts from public pay telephone stations in the field, the following is submitted:

Denver Mint.

"There is in this building one public pay telephone station and from this the Government receives no commission on the amount deposited therein for telephone calls. The Mint gives no guarantee on this public station and I am advised by the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company that the minimum guarantee on same would be 15¢ per day. The amount collected by the Telephone Company runs between $4 and $8 per month. This telephone is used by employees only."

Philadelphia Mint.

"The Keystone Telephone Company pays the Government a commission of 10% of the amount collected in their public telephone, and the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania allows the following commissions in their two public telephones located in this Mint:

1st $.50 per day - - - - - 10%
2nd $.50 per day - - - - - 15%
Balance - - - - - - - - - 20%
$.50 per month booth rental."

New York Assay Office.

"Wish to advise that we have always sent our rebates on our public telephone (4555 John) to the Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. Below find synopsis of rebates sent during this year:

May 24, 1926 to July 26, 1926, - - - -	$3.98
August 25, 1926 to October 25, 1926 -	5.42
November 22, 1926 to January 24, 1927	5.95
Total	$15.35"

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

MR

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April 1, 1927.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F.S.
Enol.

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April 1, 1927.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 405, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning April 1, 1927, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 29, 1927.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the question of status of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco", and appropriations for similar purposes for each mint and assay office, be referred to the Comptroller General of the United States for definite decision as regards their relation to Section 3683 Revised Statutes. This request is occasioned by Supplement No. 2 dated March 17, 1927, to General Regulations No. 51 of the General Accounting Office (copy of which is attached hereto), requiring that hereafter every voucher chargeable to a contingent appropriation shall carry certificate that the specific articles covered by the voucher were procured after written authorization had been given by the head of the Department.

It is the understanding of this Bureau that the contingent appropriations of the mint service field institutions are almost wholly, if not entirely, "principal" appropriations and not subject to the limitations of Sec. 3683 R. S., although items generally procurable from contingent appropriations are also procurable from them. The contingent appropriations in question have never, so far as can be determined, been administered as subject to the limitations of Sec. 3683 R. S., excepting in isolated instances such as procuring of "first aid" supplies.

A contingent appropriation is defined as follows by the United States Court of Claims - 22 C. Cls. R., 269 - (see 2 Comp. 43):

> "The adjectives contingent, incidental, and miscellaneous, as used in the appropriation bills to qualify the word expenses, have a technical and well understood meaning; it is usual for Congress to name the principal classes of expenditure which they authorize, such as clerk hire, fuel, light, postage, telegrams, etc., and then to make a small appropriation for the minor and unimportant disbursements incidental to any great business, which can not well be foreseen and

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which it would be useless to specify more accurately. For such disbursements a round sum is appropriated under the head of 'contingent expenses', or 'incidental expenses', or 'miscellaneous expenses'".

Mint field service contingent appropriations provide for practically all expenses of those institutions, except for personal services, which are appropriated for specifically. The contingent appropriations are estimated for, granted by the Congress, and used as "principal" appropriations - for the procuring of electric current for light and power; gas, fuel oil, crucibles, fire brick, furnace tools, etc. for melting metals; telephone and telegraph service; traveling expenses; freight and express charges; repairs and alterations; laboratory supplies and equipment; furniture, and metal working equipment, including minting and refining machinery; andmany other items of expense. No other appropriations are available for these expenses. (See Budget estimates for classes of expenditure and proportionate amounts as between "principal" and usually accepted "contingent" items). The following secondary expense items, being specifically provided for elsewhere, are not chargeable to contingent appropriations: Transportation of bullion and coin between mints and assay offices (specific appropriation); transportation of minor coin from the three coinage mints, and operative wastage of minor coinage metal (payable from coinage profits); repairs and preservation of the public buildings occupied by most of the institutions, and of elevators and building equipment, and repairs to vaults, safes and locks (appropriations under the jurisdiction of the Supervising Architect).

It would be wholly impractical to conduct the mint service on the basis of obtaining prior specific authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for each item required by each mint service field institution. These institutions are manufacturing plants, and it is not infrequently necessary to obtain needed supplies or repairs at once in order to avoid shut down of the institutions, with the resulting loss in wages paid idle workmen as well as curtailed output of urgently needed coin. Expensive use of the telegraph also would be involved in formally obtaining, in Washington, authority for perfectly obvious and necessary expenditures concerning which years of training and experience have fitted local officers to exercise sound judgment. As a matter of practical economy, it is essential that the officers in charge of these institutions have considerable discretion in conducting the affairs of the institutions, including the matter of obligating the appropriations for ordinary operating and maintenance expenses. The question of obligating funds for procurement of additions to or replacement of equipment and for making unusually large purchases of supplies is not left to the discretion of field officers. The field institutions have for many years been operating on this basis, subject to the direction and approval of the Director of the Mint, and to the more remote general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury. The contingent appropriation for the office of the Director of the Mint is, by the terms of the appropriation, expended

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under his direction, and it would be wholly inconsistent that funds provided for the principal expenses of the remote mints and assay offices should be subject to more immediate and detailed control by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Prior to July 1, 1912, charges collected by the mint service from depositors of bullion, for the purpose of melting and refining bullion, were available to meet certain expenses of the institutions which operate refineries. As a result of the Act of March 4, 1911, such expenses have since been annually estimated and appropriated for, being included in the contingent and incidental expenses appropriations. During the year immediately preceding this change such expenses amounted to over $120,000.00, which compares with about $129,000.00 paid during the same year from the contingent appropriations for the same institutions. It will thus be seen that in these later years these contingent appropriations are even more than ever before "principal" appropriations as defined by the Court of Claims.

In view of the stated conditions, it would seem clear that the appropriations in question are really "principal" appropriations. If the present Comptroller General does not acquiesce in this view, it is suggested that the practice of these many years be not disturbed until opportunity is had for presenting the matter to the consideration of the Congress, with a view to amending the wording of the appropriations in question, as regards future years.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-S.
Encl.

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March 30, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act Approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month of March, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of March 25rd relative to telephones, the following is submitted:

Room 182, Branch 8, main line, - Miss Mary M. O'Reilly, Assistant Director of the Mint.

Room 182½, Branch 8, extension to desk of Honorable R. J. Grant, Director of the Mint.

Room 177, Branch 608, main line, - Mr. S. B. Frantz, Chief Accountant.

Room 414, Branch 609, main line, - Mr. T. J. Quirk, Assayer.

Number of officials and employees:

Director of the Mint's Office,	5,
Accounts Division,	7,
Laboratory,	2.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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April 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to P. C. B. Circular No. 6, dated July 10, 1925, and in compliance with your letter of March 11, 1927, I have to report that there have been no changes in the personnel of this Bureau during the month ending March 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to March 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

In response to your communication of March 29, 1927, I have to say that the proposed "Regulations Governing Printing and Binding" are satisfactory to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

F-S.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise that Mrs. Florence E. Leonard, Clerk at the United States Mint at New Orleans, has been designated to serve as Acting Assayer in Charge during the temporary absences of the Assayer in Charge.

Recommendation is hereby made that Mrs. Leonard be bonded in the amount of $5,000. in view of the above designation.

Mrs. Leonard was appointed Clerk at $1,200. per annum on July 1, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In conformity with the proceedings of the Personnel Classification Board, Action No. 8245 of April 25, 1927, changing the position of Director of the Mint from Class 12 to Class 13, I have the honor to recommend that the salary of the position be increased from $5,600. to $6,000. per annum, effective April 1, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your circular letter of April 7, 1927, requesting report on the proposal of the General Accounting Office to direct installation of a uniform administrative accounting system, the following is submitted:

So far as the Mint Service is concerned the proposed superimposing of a complete double-entry system of summary or control accounts onto the appropriation, revenue, and personal accounts now kept seems wholly unwarranted.

Mint Service activities are almost entirely confined to 11 field factories and shops scattered to the four corners of the nation. The smallest has two employees, the largest between 325 and 350. Each institution has its individual appropriations, by the will of Congress rather than that of the administrative office, and its own disbursing officer. Each necessarily has much latitude as regards ordinary operating details, while the Washington Bureau exercises general control and supervision for the Secretary of the Treasury.

The proposed accounting system contemplates much analytical and classification work, of both payrolls and purchase vouchers, which work, usually, must be done by a trained expert, locally where the facts are known, if it is to be effective or reliable. It would be manifestly impossible to carry on so considerable an accounting system at each small field institution, while the obtaining of necessary details for carrying on the work in Washington would be a constant source of irritating correspondence. Employees of higher qualification would be required at some of the institutions, with consequent additional expense.

The Washington Bureau, with a total of only 14 employees from the Director to the messenger, supervises the administration of 25 yearly appropriations in addition to its other work. The value to an administrator, of a balance sheet in the form contemplated by the General Accounting Office proposal, available after field reports arrive - say after the 15th, for the prior month - being a combination of all 25 appropriations, of revenues that accrued at all 11 in-

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stitutions, of the combined stock of stores at all institutions, etc., etc., is not apparent. Any administrative action required must necessarily be based on facts of each individual situation. Necessary facts for administration and report work are available from the records now kept, with far less work than is involved in the proposed system. There is insufficient work here to warrant the expense of installing and operating accounting machines.

The principal incentive for keeping double-entry accounts - the profit motive, with the measuring of sources of gains and costs - is practically non-existent in Government business. Governmental activities are, and will continue to be, carried on regardless of their cost. They are in many instances dominated by conditions wholly beyond administrative control, such, for example, as legislative act. Mint operations are accelerated or retarded by general business conditions, at times reaching 16 hours and 24 hours per day, and are affected by the necessity for constantly retaining at least a "skeleton" force of employees trained in the technicalities of making coin - the only activity of its kind in the nation. Close supervision of activities, with advance financial consideration of any contemplated changes, gives advance knowledge of reasons for such changes as comparative balance sheets might disclose.

Another incentive for keeping double-entry accounts - that of providing a check on accuracy - seems not of sufficient importance to warrant additional expense, because of the checks provided by segregation of control over moneys; e. g. - accounts kept by the general treasury (Bookkeeping and Warrants Division); by the Comptroller General; by each administrative office; and by each fiscal officer. There is also the audit by the administrative office and the final audit of the General Accounting Office.

While the general picture which an administrator might get from a summary balance sheet, of conditions fifteen or more days earlier, might be of momentary satisfaction, the unknown material subsequent changes would make the picture of no practical value because prior action would ordinarily have already been taken on recommendation of the accountant in charge, to adjust any individual situation requiring administrative action.

The proposed system apparently would constitute "excessive unproductive accounting expense", mentioned, on page 1 of the April 1, 1927, appendix to General Accounting Office Circular No. 27, as at present a feature of Government work, but which the proposal is intended to eliminate (?).

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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May 2, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended April 30, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, dated July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ending April 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to April 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of May 9th, quoting letter from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, dated April 25, 1927, I have to advise that all publications for the United States Mint Service are printed at the Government Printing Office in Washington. It is understood that the Superintendent of Documents receives a copy of each such publication direct from the Government Printing Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S. Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

It is desired to correct the letter of this Bureau, dated May 2, 1927, reporting no changes in the personnel during the month of April, and, in accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, dated July 10, 1923, to report the following change:

Honorable R. J. Grant, C A F 12, Senior Administrative Officer at $5,600. per annum, was reclassified to C A F 13, Senior Administrative Officer at $6,000. per annum, effective April 1, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 11th relative to the authority of the United States Mint to strike certain medals.

The Mint at Philadelphia is authorized by law to prepare dies and manufacture medals of a national character. Medals for private parties may be struck from dies supplied to the Mint, but the Mint is not allowed to make dies for other than national medals.

Should the Navy Department have occasion to have medals struck at the Mint, there is full authority for the Mint to execute such orders. It is understood, however, that the request for such medals will be received from the Navy Department by this Department for transmission to the Director of the Mint, who, in turn, will forward the order to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 27, 1927.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Bureau of Supply,
Section of Printing and Binding)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with your letter of May 13, 1927, I have the honor to transmit herewith list of all available forms and record books pertaining to the Mint Service. It is not possible to furnish copies of some of the forms as they contain many separate accounts and are subject to possible changes.

Many of the present active forms are under revision at the present time, and it is probable that the list of obsolete forms may, in the near future, be amended.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended May 31, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to May 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, dated July 10, 1925, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ending May 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1927.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodicals are required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payments for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925.

The Bankers Magazine, New York.
Commercial and Financial Chronicle.
El Economista, Madrid.
The Engineering and Mining Journal.
Federal Statues Annotated, Supplement.
The Bankers Magazine, London.
The Mining Journal.
The Economist.
The Statist.
The Monetary Times, Toronto, Canada.
The Far Eastern Review, Shanghai, China.
South African Mining Journal, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F. F.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 8, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am inclosing the official bond of Florence E. Leonard of the United States Mint at New Orleans with the request that this Bureau be advised immediately upon its approval.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The position of Assistant Assayer in the United States Mint at New Orleans will be vacated by the resignation of the present incumbent on June 15, 1927.

Please request the United States Civil Service Commission to immediately certify the names of eligibles on the list for appointment to this position. As the matter is of extreme importance and very urgent, it is desired that the papers be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission by messenger today, if possible. The lists of eligibles requested are those for Assayer, Junior Assayer and Junior Chemist.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the examination papers of eligibles for the position of Junior Chemist. I find that none of the candidates has the required qualifications to fill the position of Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully,

F. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of May 11th and my reply of May 17th relative to the authority of the United States Mint to strike certain medals, and to the desire of Mr. E. R. Harlan to obtain one.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the Director of the Mint by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to your request for the striking of one Navy Medal of Honor to be sold to the Historical Department of the State of Iowa. The Superintendent requests that the dies for this medal be forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint, and further asks if the Navy Department can furnish the rosette and ribbon referred to by Mr. Harlan.

I would appreciate the courtesy of your advice in the premises.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 15, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request your approval of the temporary appointment, pending examination, of Cecil T. Gray to the position of Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint, New Orleans, at $2,100 per annum, effective June 16, 1927.

This appointment is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the present incumbent, Mr. George W. Murray, effective June 15, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1927.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1927.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning July 1, 1927, expressed in any such metallic currencies: provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 29, 1927.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Supply.

Sir:

I have the honor to designate Mr. A. A. Hassan as the clerk in this Bureau to take charge of printing and binding, in accordance with the requirements of Circular 382, May 6, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1998, that the business of this Bureau for the month and year ending June 30, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1927.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to June 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1927.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no chnages in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended June 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodical is required for official use in the United States Mint at Philadelphia and to request your authority to make payment for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925:

Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Journal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 9, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of July 5th, please be advised that the needs of this Bureau for miscellaneous items are of a negligible quantity and would presumably not exceed in value $25.00.

Labor saving machines, furniture, file holders, etc., are in good order in this Bureau and it is hoped that we will not be required to call upon the appropriation for replenishment or repair of equipment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with your circular letter of July 1, 1927, there is inclosed an inventory of unexpended property in this Bureau as of June 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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July 13, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Abraham Sauder be transferred from the position of Assistant Cashier at $2,000. at the United States Mint at Philadelphia to the position of Clerk at $2,000. at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and that Mr. Hibberd Ott be transferred from the position of Clerk at $2,200. at the United States Mint at Philadelphia to the position of Assistant Cashier at $2,200. at the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

These changes are being requested in order that the titles of the men may more accurately describe their duties.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith, in conformity with your request FA 015.94 dated June 30, 1927, the questionnaire which accompanied your letter, together with the information desired by the Japanese Ambassador for the Japanese Mint, concerning United States Mint operations during the calendar year 1926.

Respectfully,

Enclosures. Secretary.

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August 1, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended July 31, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to July 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended July 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

August 5, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Supply),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with your request of July 23, 1927, I am returning, in triplicate, form estimate of the printing and binding requirements of the Mint Service for the fiscal year 1929, with comparative figures for 1928 and 1927.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please place to the credit of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of $2,500, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find for payment, voucher for rubber stamps, in the amount of $1.49, which were ordered by the San Francisco Mint from the General Schedule Contractor prior to being informed of the decision of the Comptroller General, dated May 9, 1927, to the effect that all rubber stamps for the Treasury Department, including Field Service, are payble from the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Treasury Department, Stationery.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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August 26, 1927

Mr. R. J. Emmett,
Secretary-Manager,
Tri-State Fair Association,
Amarillo, Texas.

Sir:

In response to a verbal request made by Mr. H. Haines, a representative of your Association, and acknowledging your telegram of August 24, 1927, repeating the request, the Treasury Department finds that it will be practicable to lend to the Tri-State Fair Association a set of medals from the United States Mint at Philadelphia with the understanding that all expenses incident to the packing and shipping of the same will be met by your Association.

An account will be rendered to you by the Philadelphia Mint for the cost of packing. The medals will be sent to you by express, collect, within the next several days.

The above loan is made subject to your furnishing a bond in the sum of $1,000 to indemnify the Treasury Department against loss, etc. of the medals to be lent and to guarantee their return in good condition to the Philadelphia Mint at the close of the Fair.

It is understood that the exposition is to cover the period from September 12th to 18th, and that immediately upon the close of the exposition the medals will be properly packed and returned at your expense and risk to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

A list of the medals above mentioned will be attached to and form a part of the bond.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 26, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt by reference of a letter dated August 26th from the United States Civil Service Commission in regard to the promotion of Mr. A. B. Wilson, Chief Clerk in the New York Assay Office.

Mr. Wilson's case is regarded by this Bureau as one having a special merit. The Chief Clerks of the coinage Mints are now paid $3,300. The position of Chief Clerk at the New York Assay Office is vastly more important and requires a man of special experience. Mr. Wilson has been Chief Clerk of the New York Assay Office since October 1, 1915, and he has acquired a knowledge of the procedure and practice in that institution which makes his services especially valuable to the Government. It is submitted that to pay him a lower salary than those now being paid to the Chief Clerks in the smaller institutions would be an injustice.

The New York Assay Office did a business last year of over $103,000,000.

The Chief Clerk at this institution is required to act as Superintendent in the temporary absences of the Superintendent.

Mr. Wilson's long and efficient service render him particularly worthy of being compensated to the highest degree, and it is earnestly recommended that the United States Civil Service Commission be requested to waive the regulation in this instance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended August 31, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, dated July 10, 1923, I have to report the following change in the personnel of this Bureau during the month ended August 31, 1927:

Mr. George U. Graff, Senior Scientific Aid, 6-2, at $1860.00 per annum in the laboratory of this Bureau, resigned without prejudice, effective at the close of business August 7, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ross

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to August 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 2, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

For the purpose of completing the records, this Bureau reports the closing of the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, on June 30, 1927.

As a consequence, the following named employees have been necessarily and involuntarily separated from the Mint Service:

Stewart, Harry H., Assayer in Charge,	$2100.	per	annum;
Nicholls, George A., Assistant Assayer,	1860.	"	"
Crawford, James H., Laborer,	1320.	"	" .

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of September 2nd relative to the number of stenographers employed in this Bureau, the following is submitted:

	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Female					
Male		1 *	1 * *		

* denotes clerk-stenographer.
* * denotes private secretary to the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 9, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the salary of Mr. Timothy J. Quirk, Assayer of this Bureau, (Associate Scientist, P S-4), at $3,100. per annum be increased to $3,200. per annum.

There are sufficient funds in the appropriation of this Bureau to permit this increase.

Mr. Quirk is in full charge of the laboratory of this Bureau, and he is doing efficient and high-class work.

It is recommended that this increase be approved effective September ~~15~~ 16, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 10, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In conformity with directions of August 11th I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract from the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1927, for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 10, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of July 30, 1927, a statement of travel by the officers and employees of the Mint Service during the fiscal year 1927, is submitted herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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September 13, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the U. S. Civil Service Commission be requested to submit for consideration the names of eligibles for appointment to the position of Senior Scientific Aid, S.P. 6-2, at $1860 per annum, made vacant by the resignation of George U. Graff.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 19, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. Lawrence A. Gage be reinstated and appointed to the position of Senior Scientific Aid, SP 6-2, at $1,860. per annum in the Laboratory of this Bureau. This position was made vacant by the resignation on August 7, 1927, of Mr. George U. Graff.

Mr. Gage was employed in the Bureau of Standards from October, 1919, to September, 1926, when he resigned without prejudice. Mr. Gage has the necessary education and experience required for appointment to the class specified.

It is requested that this appointment be made effective September 26, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 21, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Fred. J. Allen be appointed to the position of Assistant Assayer at $1,860. per annum at the United States Mint at Carson, Nevada; this appointment to be effective from date of oath.

This position was made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Bert S. Dowling.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of August 2nd, there is transmitted herewith a report from the field offices of the Mint Service relative to typewriters and other labor saving machines procured through exchange.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1927.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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October 1, 1927.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning October 1, 1927, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 30, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a blank form of bond be issued for execution by Mr. Fred J. Allen as Assistant Assayer of the United States Mint at Carson, Nevada, in the sum of $2,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 29, 1927.

Mr. T. D. Richter, Secretary, Publicity Bureau,
Chamber of Commerce,
N. E. Corner Twelfth and Walnut Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 27th relative to the closing to visitors of the Mint at Philadelphia.

All of the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States have been closed to visitors for several years. This plan was not prompted entirely by war conditions, but was put into effect principally to protect the interests of the Government in institutions where large quantities of gold and silver are necessarily exposed in process. The plan of closing the Mints and Assay Offices has been adopted as a permanent policy. As a result we have now no means at our disposal to employ the necessary guides to care for visitors.

In view of the above circumstances I believe you will agree that it would not be expedient or possible for us to revoke the existing regulation.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 1, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended September 30, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to September 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provision of P. C. B. Circular No. 6, dated July 10, 1925, I have to report the following change in the personnel of this Bureau during the month ended September 30, 1927:

Lawrence A. Gage, appointed Senior Scientific Aid, SP 6-2, at $1,860. per annum, in the Laboratory of this Bureau, vice George U. Graff, resigned. Mr. Gage's appointment effective September 27, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a blank form of bond in the sum of $5,000. be prepared for execution by Bernard F. Toner, Foreman of the Ingot Melting Room at the United States Mint at San Francisco, appointed October 1, 1927.

Mr. Toner is now under bond in the sum of $2,000. as Assistant Foreman of the Ingot Melting Room, but it is desired to raise the penalty of his bond to $5,000. because of his promotion to the position of Foreman of the Ingot Melting Room.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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October 11, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Section 8 of the Sundry Civil Act, approved August 24, 1912, certain Chief Clerks were designated as those who might administer oaths for travel vouchers without expense to the traveller.

Under the authority of this Act, you designated Mr. E. P. Leech of Denver, and Mr. E. D. Hawkins of San Francisco to act in this capacity.

Mr. Leech is no longer Chief Clerk at Denver, and the authority to certify travel vouchers should be granted to Mr. Oscar Hinrichs, Chief Clerk of the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

In the place of Mr. Hawkins at San Francisco, Mr. J. C. Bates, Chief Clerk of the United States Mint, San Francisco, California, should be designated to certify travel vouchers.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to application for refund of Civil Service retirement deductions against the pay of B. S. Dowling, former Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada. Deductions were reported to include September 17, 1927; however, Mr. Dowling was entitled to pay to the close of business on September 19, 1927, the date his resignation became effective. The amount of $14.72 reported as deducted for the period July 1, 1927 to September 17, 1927 is 41¢ in excess of the correct retirement deductions for the period July 1, 1927, to September 19, 1927. The excess of deduction was made on payroll for the month of September, filed with the accounts of Annie N. Martin, Assayer in Charge of the Carson Mint. Since the amount reported to have been deducted from Mr. Dowling's pay was actually deducted and carried to the retirement fund, it should be repaid to him from the Retirement Fund, notwithstanding that it is in excess of the amount that should have been deducted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

November 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended October 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

November 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to October 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

November 1, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended October 31, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

November 5, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 4th, your No. 2A 810.51/32, inclosing a copy of a communication of a note received by you from the Minister of Salvador in Washington, and I take pleasure in submitting information relative to the proposed coinage for the Government of Salvador, and copies of the same.

2,000,000 - 10 centavo pieces - $4.00 per K pieces
1,000,000 - 5 " " - 5.50 " " "
5,000,000 - 1 " " - 5.50 " " "

Coinage costs include working dies made from master dies in the custody of the Philadelphia Mint, but do not include cost of containers required in packing coins for shipment, nor cost of metal required for the coinage.

The metal required in this coinage is as follows:

For Copper and 25% Nickel Content

	Avd. Lbs. Nickel	Avd. Lbs. Copper
2,000,000 - 10 centavos, 7 grams ea.	7,716.0000	23,148.0000
1,000,000 - 5 " 5 " "	2,735.7146	8,207.1429
5,000,000 - 1 " 2½ " "	6,929.2857	20,787.8571
	17,381.0000	52,143.0000

The coins would be manufactured at the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, early in the year 1928.

Should this order be placed, the coins would be delivered at the San Francisco Mint to the Agent named by the Government of Salvador to receive and make payment for these coins.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 9, 1927.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request an extension of leave on account of sickness of Roy T. Algate, an employee of this Bureau who has been absent six days on account of illness, and has no accrued leave.

Mr. Algate is a faithful employee who has never taken advantage of leave privileges and, in my opinion, is deserving of the allowance asked for.

Respectfully,

M. O. Ridley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

There is submitted the following report covering the disposition of useless papers and documents in two institutions of the Mint Service, authorized by Congress in House Report No. 2304, 69th Congress, Second Session:

Assay Office at New York.

Cashier's blotter, 1870 to 1913
Pay-roll book, 1875 to 1912
Silver purchases, 1877 to 1878
Unparted bullion slips, 1854 to 1909
Ordinary register of warrants, 1854 to 1911
Ordinary account journal, 1854 to 1894
Ordinary account ledger, 1854 to 1904
Cashier's desk book, receipts for warrants paid, 1861 to 1911
Fractions paid on bullion deposits, 1907 to 1916
Gold and silver bars appropriated on silver deposits, 1902 to 1908
Register of expenses, ordinary account, 1876 to 1910
Registered classified silver deposits, 1882 to 1886
Approximate weight, 500 pounds.

Acid and chemical fumes have affected the above papers to such an extent as to make them unsalable, and they have been destroyed by burning.

Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

Check stubs for both bullion and regular accounts, 1879 to 1903

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Mint receipt stubs, 1897 to 1914
Retained copies of invoices for bullion shipments and miscellaneous formal reports, 1884 to 1912
Approximate weight, 370 pounds.

There being no market in Helena, Montana, for waste paper, these papers have been destroyed by burning.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1927.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended November 30, 1927, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir;

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to November 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1927.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended November 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1927.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 2, 1927, (LA 819.515/90) relative to coinage for the Government of Salvador.

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has been instructed to proceed with the necessary preparation for the execution of the following coinage for the Government of Salvador early in January, 1928:

2,000,000 10-centavo pieces. }
1,400,000 5-centavo pieces. } ---75% copper, 25% nickel.
2,000,000 1-centavo pieces. }

The charge for coining the 10-centavo pieces will be at the rate of $4.00 per thousand pieces, and for the 5-centavo and 1-centavo pieces the rate will be $3.50 per thousand pieces. These charges do not include the cost of metal required, nor the cost of containers for shipping.

The charges include the cost of working dies to be made from the master dies now in the custody of the Mint at Philadelphia.

It is understood that arrangements have been made between the Salvadoran Government and the Occidental Bank of San Salvador, represented by Nagara, Bloom Brothers of San Francisco, for the latter to act as agents in receiving and making payment for the coins at the Mint in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 13, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that this Bureau be furnished with a list of eligibles for appointment to the position of Assistant Assayer, for the purpose of recommending an appointment to the position in the U.S. Mint, Carson, now being temporarily filled.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1927.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the Treasury Department has been informed that in March, last, there was a change in the monetary system, or monetary unit, of the government of Siam, by which the tical was given a value approximately 20 per cent higher than its previous value. A copy of the law, if obtainable, authorizing such change, would be useful to the Treasury Department, as well as any pertinent information available to the State Department, or which might be at the disposal of the Siamese legation in Washington.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 13, 1927.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 8 enclosing translations of notes received from the Legation of Ecuador relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Ecuador.

The coinage desired could be made at the Mint, Philadelphia, as soon as the necessary dies are available, early in the coming year.

It is understood that the following coinage is desired:-

SILVER.

Denomination	No. of Pieces	Diameter	Weight	Fineness
2 sucre	500,000	28.75	10 grams	.720
1 sucre	3,000,000	23.50	5 grams	.720
50 centavos	1,000,000	18.00	2.5 grams	.720

The cost of this coinage would be as follows:-

2 sucre ----------$6.00 per 1000 pieces
1 sucre ---------- 6.50 per 1000 pieces
50 centavos ---------- 4.00 per 1000 pieces.

The above charges do not include the cost of the metal which must be delivered to the Mint. The charges do include the cost of working dies.

The following amounts of metal will be required for this coinage:

Fine silver ---------520,830 ounces
Copper for alloy ---- 13,888.80 avoirdupois pounds.

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NICKEL COINAGE

Denomination	No. of Pieces	Diameter	Weight	Fineness
10 centavos	5,000,000	21.5	4 grams	100%
5 centavos	16,000,000	19.5	3 grams	100%
2½ centavos	4,000,000	18.5	2.5 grams	100%

The cost of executing the nickel coinage would be at the rate of $0.73 per thousand pieces. Finished blanks would have to be furnished to the Mint by the Government of Ecuador.

BRONZE COINAGE

Denomination	No. of Pieces	Diameter	Weight	Content
1 centavo	5,000,000	20.5	3.5 grams	95% copper 5% tin and zinc.

The cost of this coinage would be $2.25 per 1000 pieces.

The amount of metal required would be as follows:-

56,651.00 avoirdupois pounds electrolytic copper.
885.80 avoirdupois pounds tin
1,543.20 avoirdupois lbs. zinc.

The above metal would have to be supplied to the Mint by the Government of Ecuador.

DIES.

There are now in the custody of the Mint at Philadelphia five sets of dies belonging to the Government of Ecuador. If these dies can be used by changing the lettering as to weight, fineness and date, etc., they can be altered at a cost of $100 per pair. If new dies are required similar to those now held, the cost will be $200 for each master die. The master dies would be made from models to be supplied by the Government of Ecuador. The models should be in the form of wax or plaster, and should be approximately 8 inches in diameter. The cost of making working dies from the master dies is included in the coinage charges.

Kegs for packing and shipping could be purchased for the Government of Ecuador by the Mint at about $1.60 each.

It is understood that the coins would be delivered to a representative of the Government of Ecuador at the Mint who would receive and make payment for the coinage.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury

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December 17, 1927

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for report on Bill No. S. 1447, To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare a medal with appropriate emblems and inscriptions commemorative of the services, sacrifices, and patriotism of the American women of all wars in which the United States has participated.

This Department would interpose no objection to the enactment of the proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Reed Smoot,
Chairman, Committee on Finance,
United States Senate.

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January 1, 1928.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

W. H. Rolle

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 1, 1928.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning January 1, 1928, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

December 22, 1927.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 20, 1927, relative to H. R. 81, a Bill to authorize the coinage of silver 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain James Cook, and for the purpose of aiding in establishing a Captain James Cook memorial collection in the archives of the Territory of Hawaii.

This Department would interpose no objection to the enactment of this legislation.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 5, 1928.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

There are on hand in the following named mints assay button balances which are no longer of service to the respective mints, and the list is being submitted to you with a view to having the balances offered for use to some other government laboratories:

Mint at San Francisco.

Four Troemner Assay Balances.

Mint at Denver.

Four Troemner Assay Balances.

Mint at Philadelphia.

Three Troemner Assay Balances.
Three Becker Assay Balances.

It is understood that the Bureau of Mines can use the balances, without transfer of funds.

Should they be accepted by any laboratory it should be understood that the packing and shipping charges shall not be a charge against the mint appropriations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grove
Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1928.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit under separate cover a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. Copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables as complete as possible.

The information elicited by these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the subjects specified.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained from one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., so as to reach him by October 1st. Data received after that date are too late for publication during the current year.

The cooperation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 8, 1928.

Professor Louis K. Manley,
Dean, School of Business Administration,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Professor Manley:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 5, 1928, recommending that Professor Montfort Jones, Professor of Finance at the University of Pittsburgh, and Chairman of the Department of Finance be named as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which is appointed by the President and meets in the Mint at Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February.

I shall take pleasure in placing Professor Jones' name on the list to be submitted to the President some time this month.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 6, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Mint Bureau has been receiving from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce for many years monthly reports of imports and exports of domestic gold and silver coin, the data being used in preparation of the monthly circulation statement issued by the Treasury Department. The circulation statement is one of considerable importance and value to those concerned with the providing of money to meet the requirements of the public, and otherwise. Heretofore this statement has been issued shortly after the first of each month, as of the beginning of the month. The data covering imports and exports has been one month behind, although current month data of the New York Customs collection district has been received by mail, and since July 1st last, current month telegrams are being received from the Collectors of Customs of the San Francisco and St. Lawrence Customs districts.

Beginning January 1, 1928, issue of the regular circulation statement will be delayed until complete data for the period under consideration are available, although a preliminary statement will be prepared early in the month as heretofore, for the information of the few who need the data promptly. It is desired that the complete official statement be issued as early in the month, following that to which it pertains, as is practicable. At the present time the import and export figures are received about the 20th instant, and are the determining factor as to date of issue of the statement. It would therefore be much appreciated if they could be made available at a materially earlier date.

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 15, 1928.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to circular letter of January 12, 1928, the following is a list of the names of persons in this Bureau who would like tickets for the meeting of the Business Organization of the Government on Monday, January 30, 1928:-

Hon. Robert J. Grant.
Mary M. O'Reilly,
Samuel B. Trentz.
T. J. Quirk.
Arthur Prebey.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 13, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Dept.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Complying with your circular letter of December 15, 1927, there is inclosed an inventory of unexpended property in this Bureau as of December 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 11, 1928.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your letter of January 7, 1928, presenting report thereon by this Department, there is following report pertaining to Bill S. 2280, the coinage of Longfellow 1-cent pieces:"

[illegible] this coin should not be authorized. The [illegible] is opposed to the issue of special coins [illegible] intended to commemorate some national event of [illegible] to all of the people. The policy of issuing [illegible] coins is objectionable for the reason that [illegible] confusion in our coinage system, prompt [illegible], and make the protection of the integrity of our coinage extremely difficult. The Department has interposed no objection where the project to be served was of general interest in a [illegible] celebration, but can find no merit in the bill under consideration which is proposed for the purpose of creating a fund for a purely local memorial. There is serious objection to this BILL for the reason that it proposes the issue of a coin similar to dimes and other [illegible] since discontinued [illegible]. It is obvious that the circulation of two types of coin of the same denomination would be most undesirable.

A similar bill was introduced during the last session of Congress, and the advocates agreed to abandon the request for a coin and to substitute a request for the issue of a medal.

For your convenience I am attaching a copy of the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency, dated April 24, 1926.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Peter Norbeck,
Chairman Committee on Banking
and Currency,
United States Senate.

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January 17, 1928.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the names of eligibles on the list of Assistant Assayer, Mint Service, be certified to this Bureau for the purpose of making a selection for appointment to the position of Junior Assayer, Mint at Philadelphia, at $6.00 per diem. It is understood that there is no one available on the list of Junior Assayers.

Respectfully,

R. W. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1927, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,232,914,078
Silver dollars - - - - - -	537,970,158
Subsidiary silver - - -	300,735,507
Minor - - - - - - - - - - -	115,250,575
Total - - - - - - - - - -	2,186,870,318

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
For R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1928.

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NIGHT MESSAGE

W. Lloyd Adams,

Paxburg, Idaho.

President has appointed you member Assay Commission meeting Mint Philadelphia morning of February eight. Sessions last two or three days. No compensation but traveling and subsistence expenses by most direct route allowed. Letter follows.

A. W. Mellon

Secretary Treasury.

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January 27, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

The following comment is submitted relative to the proposed standard form, "Purchase or Shipping Order".

The form appears to be generally satisfactory for Mint Service use.

The directions concerning certification of invoice seem somewhat inconsistent. The vendor can certify that payment has not been received by him, but not that it has not been made by some Government officer; the following wording is suggested:

> "Send your invoice in duplicate, carrying, on one copy only, signed certification -
>
> > "Invoice certified correct and just; payment therefor has not been received".

The date of the invoice covers everything thereon, therefore an additional date in the certificate would appear superfluous.

The Mint Service uses annually about 5,000 sets, of 4 each, 8½" x 11", without color scheme.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 471

January 26, 1928.

Mr. F. S. Holbrook,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 8, 1928.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1928, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 26, 1928.

Mr. W. Lloyd Adams,
Hailey, Idaho.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 8, 1928.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1928, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 26, 1928.

Mr. Judson Brenner,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 8, 1928.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1928, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 26, 1928.

Professor Walter T. Taggart,
University of Pennsylvania.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday February 8, 1928.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1928, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 26, 1928.

Mr. W. M. Corse,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock Wednesday, February 8, 1928.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint, Philadelphia, 1928, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 26, 1928.

Dr. Homfort Jones,
Professor of Finance,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 8, 1928.

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Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 24, 1928.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request dated January 11, 1928, for a report upon S. 122, a Bill for the relief of Lena Noonan.

On December 11, 1926, a similar Bill, H. R. 14941, was introduced in behalf of Miss Noonan, and the following report was made to the Committee on Claims, House of Representatives, under date of January 21, 1927.

> "While the records appear to establish the fact that Miss Noonan left the service of the Government in the Mint at San Francisco on account of her physical condition, it is questionable whether her ill health was due to conditions prevailing in the Mint. This Department therefore, is not in a position to express a favorable opinion as to the merits of the claim, nor to make any recommendation as to the passage of the Bill or the amount of relief proposed therein."

Accompanying this report there was a letter prepared by the Director of the Mint, with which were submitted copies of papers bearing on this case. Duplicates of these papers are attached.

This Department is advised by the Bureau of the Budget that the proposed legislation is in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Robert B. Howell,
Chairman, Committee on Claims,
United States Senate.

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February 3, 1928.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This Department has received directly from the Director of the Mint at Buenos Ayres a series of questions relating to the processes employed by this Government in the manufacture of coin and paper money.

I have the honor to enclose the answers to the interrogatories, together with copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint and pamphlets containing information pertinent to the subjects under review.

May I ask that you will cause the enclosed documents to be transmitted to the Director of the Mint at Buenos Ayres through the proper channels.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

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February 13, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1928, is given below:

Gold	$1,243,404,610
Silver Dollars	538,620,156
Subsisiary silver	300,771,438
Minor	115,361,189
Total	$2,185,557,395

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1928.

My dear Mr. Pratt:

I have your letter of February 9, 1928, relative to the proposed issue of a medal to commemorate the flights made by Colonel Lindbergh. The Hinton medal of which you speak has also been received. I am glad to have had the opportunity of seeing Mr. Hinton's design and your courtesy in sending it is very deeply appreciated.

Should the Bill now pending in Congress be enacted into law we would ask to have designs submitted in the form of suitable plaster casts. In this way the work of sculptors submitting designs could best be passed upon by the Fine Arts Commission and by this Department.

I shall be glad to have the benefit of your suggestions and advice in regard to designs should Congress authorize the issue of a medal for Colonel Lindbergh.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. George D. Pratt,
26 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

February 17, 1928.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 14, 1928, asking for a report on H. R. 11028, a Bill to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the memory of Joseph Gurney Cannon.

As the attitude of the Department toward the issue of special coins has been placed before your Committee, I hesitate to repeat the views at the risk of unnecessarily consuming the time of your Committee.

While it is fully realized that the commemoration of the memory of Honorable Joseph Gurney Cannon would have wide appeal, I can see no propriety in employing the coinage as a source of revenue for the purpose. The same objections rest against such an issue as those already presented to you in regard to other special coins. I believe the issue of special coins, except on unusual and extraordinary occasions, to be incompatible with the public interests.

It is urgently recommended that favorable consideration be not given to the measure under review.

May I take this occasion to assure you that I very deeply appreciate the opportunities you have courteously given me to submit to your Committee the attitude of this Department toward measures pending in your Committee on various proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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February 17, 1928.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 15, 1928, asking for a report on H. R. 10962, a "Bill to authorize the stamping into the coinage of the United States of America from silver bullion $20,000,000 in denominations of 50 cents each commemorating the outstanding achievements of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh." I submit an adverse report on this measure for the following reasons:-

The issue of special coins for various commemorations has grown in recent years to the proportions of a distinct abuse of our coinage. As your committee is aware, I feel that the coinage should not be commercialized. The practice introduces confusion into our coinage system, is an unwarranted expense, and, as actual results have shown, special coins are not liked by the public. They are seldom absorbed for circulation, and there are instances of special coins having been refused in trade for the reason that the public is not familiar with them. The issue of special coins opens an easy way for counterfeiting and makes the protection of our coinage difficult. As already stated to your committee in commenting on other bills, aside from the dangerous and objectionable policy of diverting the coinage from its original use in trade, we are imposing upon the mints, and, therefore, upon the Government, an unnecessary and wasteful pratice. We are required to invest money in the precious metals for coinage not needed, to be sold at a profit for a particular enterprise, and we are entirely defeating the primary purpose of coinage.

May I again submit for the consideration of your Committee the following statement relative to special coins recently issued:

Special Coins	No. Authorized	Approximate Percentage Sold
Maine Half Dollar	100,000	.50
Pilgrim Half Dollar	300,000	.70
Missouri Half Dollar	250,000	.08
Alabama Half Dollar	100,000	.66
Grant Half Dollar	250,000	.28
Monroe Doctrine Half Dollar	100,000	.19
Huguenot-Walloon Half Dollar	300,000	.50
Vancouver Half Dollar	300,000	.05
Sesquicentennial Half Dollar	1,000,000	.50
Oregon Trail Half Dollar	6,000,000	.05

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The Bill as drafted implies that a committee to be appointed by Colonel Lindbergh would presumably be willing to advance $20,000,000, the face value of the proposed coins, should they decide to take advantage of that provision in the bill which permits them to call for the coins "all at one time * *." And this in the light of the actual experience that but relatively few special coins are taken by the public at the necessary premium expected.

As you are aware, there is now pending a Bill to provide a medal for Colonel Lindbergh. This Bill has passed the Senate. A similar Bill is understood to be before your Committee. There would appear to be no objection to the issue of a medal, and in this way the very cordial sentiment of deep regard for Colonel Lindbergh on account of his achievements might be given expression, for the medal, should it be authorized by Congress, could be made at the Mint and sold to the public at cost, which would probably be one dollar, in bronze. The medal, being larger than the proposed coin, would offer a greater opportunity for the display of artistic design. The purchase of the medal by the public would be a compliment to Colonel Lindbergh, and would be without ulterior purpose.

In the opinion of this Department H. R. 10962, proposing the issue of a coin, should not receive favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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February 24, 1928.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 18, 1928, transmitting a copy of a translation of a note dated February 11, 1928, from the Nicaraguan Minister relative to coinage for his Government.

In reply I take pleasure in stating that the coinage could be executed in the Mint at Philadelphia at the following costs:-

Coinage Charges.

		Per M Pieces
200,000	25-centavo silver coins .800 fine---	$5.70
250,000	10-centavo silver coins .800 fine ---	4.50
100,000	5-centavo nickels, 75% copper and 25% nickel----------	3.50
500,000	1-centavo bronze 94.75% copper and 4% tin and 1.25% zinc	2.20

The coinage charges include alloy copper required in silver coins, working dies for all denominations, and packing charges, but not containers for shipping.

The Mint at Philadelphia has in its custody master dies and hubs for the 10, 5 and 1 centavo pieces, but we do not have the dies for the 25 centavo pieces. If the design used on the 10-centavo piece is the same as the 25-centavo piece, necessary changes as to denomination, figures, etc., could be made in the 10-centavo die and it could be enlarged to the size of the 25-centavo piece. It would

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be necessary, however, to have the Mint furnished with the diameter and thickness of this coin.

The charge for this enlargement and change of letters and figures would be $225.00.

Metal Required for the Proposed Coinage

200,000	25-centavo pieces --------	32,150.00 fine ozs. silver
250,000	10-centavo pieces --------	16,075.00 fine ozs. silver
100,000	5-centavo pieces --------	826.7142 avd. lbs. copper
		275.5714 avd. lbs. nickel
500,000	1-centavo pieces --------	4,177.6655 avd. lbs. copper
		176.3657 avd. lbs. tin
		55.1136 avd. lbs. zinc

The silver required for this coinage would have to be furnished to the Mint by the Government of Nicaragua. The other metals could be furnished by the Mint at current market prices.

The coinage could be undertaken within a short time after the receipt of the order.

It is understood that the 10, 5 and 1 centavo pieces covered by this estimate are similar in all respects to coins previously made at this Mint for the Government of Nicaragua.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 27, 1928.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a bond in the sum of $5,000 be prepared and sent to Mr. Merrill A. Martin, Assistant Assayer, U. S. Mint, San Francisco. Mr. Martin was appointed Assistant Assayer July 15, 1921.

Mr. Martin is now bonded in the sum of $10,000 and the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has agreed that this amount is excessive, and should be reduced to $5,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 29, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith a list of questions, in triplicate, concerning coinage and monetary matters, submitted with your letter FA 015.41- dated February 15, 1928, with answers desired by the British Ambassador.

Respectfully,

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Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 24, 1926.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

The enclosed letter, together with a list of questions relative to the manufacture of medals, has been received by this Department from the Trade Commissioner, Office of the Commercial Attache of the French Embassy, New York City.

I have the honor to submit replies to the interrogatories with the request that they be disposed of through such channels as you may deem appropriate.

Respectfully

A. W. Mellon
Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 2, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I deeply regret to be called upon to report to you the death of Annie Martin, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada, on February 20, 1928. Miss Martin has been a faithful, efficient and loyal officer of the Mint Service for about twenty years.

Respectfully,

T. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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March 5, 1928.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 21, 1928, transmitting copies of notes, dated February 14 and 18, 1928, from Senor Don Carlos Martillia O., of the Legation of Ecuador, in regard to instructions recently received by him authorizing him to complete arrangements for the coinage of silver money for Ecuador. I have also for acknowledgement your letter of February 28, 1928, referring to your letter of February 21, 1928, relative to the coinage of certain silver bullion of Ecuador, which was the subject of a communication from this Department on December 13, 1927.

It is understood from your letter of February 28, 1928, that your Department sees no objection to the coinage of this money by the United States Mint providing the transaction be regarded as purely commercial, and expressly understood to involve no political consequences, the present governmental regime in Ecuador being unrecognized by the Government of the United States.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to proceed with the coinage for Ecuador in accordance with your recommendation, and under the conditions prescribed by you.

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 14, 1928.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23, 1928, enclosing copy of S. 2230, and asking for a report upon the measure.

The Bill to authorize the striking of a Longfellow medal should, in my opinion, not be passed in its present form. There is no indication of the type of medal to be made, no indication of the alloy or metal to be used, no limit to the number to be asked for, no provision for supplying the model to the Mint without cost to the Government, and no provision for the reimbursement of the appropriations of the Mint which would be depleted by the manufacture of the medal proposed.

As the Bill now reads the facilities of the Mint would be placed, without restriction, at the disposal of a non-governmental society for the manufacture of a medal of any material, in any quantity, for an indefinite period.

May I call your attention to the fact that under existing law, while the Mint is not authorized to make dies for private medals such as this medal would be without authority of Congress, medals could be made from dies supplied to the Mint, without legislation.

Should Congress decide that the object for which this proposed medal is to be issued is of sufficient public interest to all of the people to warrant a legislative act, the models would have to be supplied to the Mint, and the cost of the manufacture of the dies would be a charge against the interested Society in addition to the eventual cost of the medal.

The Bill in its present form is almost wholly deficient, and inadequate to protect the interests of the Government.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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March 14, 1928.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 1, 1928, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Board of Contracts and Adjustments relative to a Proposed Standard Coal Contract Form.

The proposed form has been examined and it is believed that the form will meet the requirements of the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1928.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a blank form of bond in the penalty of $20,000 be prepared for execution by Mr. Elbert T. Clyde, as Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint, Carson, Nevada. Mr. Clyde's nomination was confirmed on March 14, 1928.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 29, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,267,415,711
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,602,158
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	500,617,821
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	115,560,479
Total - - - - - - - - - -	2,223,196,169

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.